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BRITISH SUPPORT FOR "LITTLE ASSEMBLY"

Limited Powers Suggested

Lake Success, Oct. 17.—Britain today supported the United States proposal for a United Nations continuous "Little Assembly" with "certain important modifications."

Sir Hartley Shawcross, the British delegate, told the Political Committee that Britain was prepared to support the proposed interim committee provided its powers were limited by the following:

1.—It should not deal with any matters which are under consideration by the Security Council.

2.—The Security Council should not deal with matters which are the natural concern of the Economic, Social or Trusteeship Councils.

3.—The committee should not attempt to deal with disarmament or atomic energy problems.

4.—The committee should confine itself to discussing matters under Article 11, paragraph 2, and Articles 11 and 35.

(Article 11, para. 2 involves the right of the General Assembly to discuss any question relating to peace and security. Article 14 involves the right of the General Assembly to recommend peaceful adjustments, regardless of origin, in general relations among nations and to consider or recommend any measures which may be taken to bring about a settlement of disputes before the Security Council or the General Assembly to decide if it judges world peace.)

Dealing with the Soviet objections to the plan, Sir Hartley Shawcross said: "I do not pretend to understand the real basis of the opposition to this proposal. I shall not comment upon the brilliant rhetoric of Mr. Vyshinsky—or rather, upon the tattered and pathetically irrelevant press clippings of his followers."

Sir Hartley said: "Mr. Vyshinsky conjured up a blood-curdling picture of warmongers and fascist beasts, plotting and hatching in some dark plot, deep machination to subjugate and set aside the Charter of the United Nations in order to prevent the Soviet delegation from exercising the veto in the altruistic way it always does, for the protection of—I am afraid—most ungrateful small powers."

REALMS OF FANTASY

"That exciting excursion into the realms of fantasy was not, of course, intended for the benefit of this Committee, but for that of an audience far removed from this Committee as it is from realities of the world situation."

"I have repeatedly said that we consider the exercise of the veto to be a symptom rather than a cause of the ills from which the world is suffering."

"If the great powers desire to co-operate, the existence of the right of the veto will not prevent them. If, on the other hand, they are not so minded, the absence of any such right in our Charter could not, in practice, compel the co-operation they were unwilling to give."

"We hope that mutual confidence will eventually establish greater discretion in the use of the veto."

"We cannot shut our eyes to the feeling of frustration which has been growing up throughout the world, owing to the ineptitude and futility which has characterized the proceedings of the Security Council."

"In the present troubled and difficult period, we believe that there should be some standing body which can help, focus—and perhaps even stabilize—world opinion on urgent matters of outstanding international importance."

WORLD CONSCIENCE

"Although the General Assembly has not the wide powers conferred on the Security Council, it does represent a kind of world conscience, and its resolutions, even though not legally binding, have great moral force and should not be without influence on member nations, and even, perhaps, on the Security Council."

"The only real difficulty, as we see it, is when we come to examine exactly what questions should be referred to an interim committee for preliminary investigation."

"One thing seems clear. An interim committee should not have anything which might be considered to be concurrent with the jurisdiction of the Council. We have, therefore, introduced a proposal which would exclude the risk of concurrent discussion."

"The practical result of that would be that if any matter were taken under consideration by an interim committee, and was subsequently placed upon the agenda of the Council, discussion in committee would be automatically suspended, unless and until the Council, having itself failed at any recommendation to remove the matter from its agenda."

"We believe that with the present congested agenda, the present Assembly might well remit to the committee certain matters with which it has not been able to deal satisfactorily."

"But I think that the Assembly would be well advised to refrain from referring to the committee anything which is the natural concern of the Economic and Social or Trusteeship Councils."

"Another broad category of questions should comprise those submitted for the agenda of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or of any special session, by virtue of certain articles of the Charter, and only of certain specified articles."

PEOPLE WANT PEACE

Sir Hartley Shawcross said that Britain believed that disarmament and atomic energy should not be discussed by an interim committee.

"It is peace all our peoples want, not war. I believe that there is no problem facing the world which cannot be resolved, provided it is discussed frankly, forthrightly, but with goodwill and without humbug."

"This committee is experimental—for one year. Can we not for one year approach it in that spirit and make it help towards the solution of the differences?"

Sir Hartley Shawcross said that the main question before the world was whether the United Nations was to remain unified, or be carved into "attendant dangerous consequences for international co-operation."

"We arrive at the conclusion that an interim committee could only discuss matters arising out of Articles 11, paragraph 2, 14, and, of course, 35."

"It will be seen that the attitude of my delegation represents to some extent a middle way between the rather large powers proposed by the United States and total opposition to the proposal advanced by the Soviet Union."

"Talk about war, fear of war, is a not unnatural reaction which is felt at the increasing futility of the Security Council."

"We really ought to get away, so far as we can, from these fears, these neuroses, and try to picture international politics as something other than a perpetual struggle whereby one side tries to get the better of the other."

France supported in principle the proposal for a "Little Assembly" with a limitation of its powers.

Argentina and Brazil supported the United States proposal. The Political Committee adjourned until tomorrow.—Reuter.

FOOD FOR BRITAIN

London, Oct. 17.—A big, long-term Anglo-Australian food agreement, ultimately involving many millions of pounds sterling annually, was stated to be virtually certain to follow the Minister of Food, Mr. Strachey's, announcement today that experts of both countries had agreed in principle to a plan for expanding Australian food production to help Britain.

Mr. Strachey's statement made it clear that he expected Government approval of the scheme, and Australian officials in London are equally confident of their own Government's ratification.

The chief points of the Strachey announcement were:

1.—Britain was prepared to give Australia long-term capital assistance in the expansion of her food production.

2.—Beef, mutton, lamb, dried fruit, fresh and dried eggs, pork and butter were the principal commodities involved.

3.—Australian farmers would probably get long-term market and price guarantees.—Reuter.

U.S. GIVES TARIFF CONCESSIONS

New Anglo-American Trade Pact

Washington, Oct. 17.—The United States has made tariff concessions to Britain on a great number of commodities, a State Department spokesman said today.

A version of the new Anglo-American trade pact is authoritatively understood to have been approved by the British Cabinet and is about to be concluded, the spokesman continued.

He said that a chain of reciprocal trade pacts with Britain and several other countries will be signed formally on November 16 and—without needing Congressional approval—will become fully effective on January 1, 1948.

"Britain stands to gain quite a considerable advantage in the United States market straight away," the spokesman claimed. "We are as anxious as Britain for her to increase her imports into the United States."

While declining to give details of the tariff concessions for fear of raising premature protests from domestic industries that will be affected, the spokesman said that textiles, china, cars and whisky were included.

PREFERENCES CUT

Details of the concessions by Britain were, similarly, not fully disclosed, though it was understood that they included a 25 per cent cut in colonial preferences to be carried out over a two-year period.

The ceiling of the 25 per cent placed on such preferences in the future is a concession dependent on the United States refraining from imposing new barriers to the import of certain British colonial products.

The dollar for dollar agreement is believed in informed quarters to give Britain greater immediate advantage since it holds forth the prospect of increased imports of British woollens, china and glassware into the United States in the immediate future.

The advantages to the United States are understood to lie further ahead. For instance, Britain is believed to have agreed to reduce the preference given to Rhodesian tobacco in the United Kingdom, but in view of the stringency of Britain's present buying in the American market in any case, United States tobacco growers will not feel the result of this until Britain's normal purchase is resumed.

LONDON SURPRISED

It was reported from London tonight that surprise has been caused in London over a Geneva report of the British Commonwealth's preference, amounting to a cut of 25 per cent in preferences, in view of the known fact that the cuts are limited to a number of specific preferences and do not apply to the whole range of preferential tariffs.

The basis reached was understood in London to be that Britain had agreed to cut completely about five per cent of the preferences and agreed to an overall cut of about 15 per cent—not necessarily a flat level of 15 per cent on each item.—Reuter.

SEAMEN & GOVT. SETTLE STRIKE

Paris Transport Still Tied Up

Paris, Oct. 17.—Government representatives and delegates of French merchant seamen tonight reached agreement on a wage formula to end the merchant marine strike.

A long meeting, will be voted on by the local Union branches tomorrow. It is hoped in official circles at the Ministry of Transport that the seamen will return to work on Sunday or Monday.

It was learned officially that the Government had granted an approximate 15 per cent wage increase to the seamen.

The Prime Minister, M. Paul Ramadier, delayed his departure from Paris today to grapple with the critical transport strike and other national labour disputes, as armed guards protected the city's underground and skeleton bus services.

Volunteer bus-drivers tonight refused to continue to operate four omnibus lines which had resumed here, giving as their reason the hostile attitude of members of the Transport Union, which was maintaining the strike.

But by this time, the Premier had already left Paris to fly to the South of France, where he was due to make the municipal elections at Decazeville.

UNDERGROUND DEAD

Before he left, he conferred with military experts and police chiefs. At the meeting were the Minister of Marine, M. Louis Jacquinot, and the acting Chief of Staff of National Defence, General Humbert.

Although each bus on the skeleton lines was guarded by a detachment of troops, the volunteer drivers had complained that threats and abuse heaped on them by CGT (Confederation General du Travail) pickets along their routes made it impossible for them to continue work.

The Paris underground was still completely out of action tonight. Part of the damage believed due to sabotage was repaired during the day, but the lines were still without electricity through a shortage of technical personnel.

The Government order to requisition technicians last night was largely ignored by the strikers.

Meanwhile, French Cabinet Ministers assured the investigating commission of the United States Senate Appropriations Committee that Communists will not gain the ascendancy in the French Government, according to Senator Styles Bridges, the commission's president, here today.

PEOPLE MUST WORK

Referring to nations seeking aid from the United States, Mr. Bridges said: "The people of these countries must realize if they want full cooperation from the United States, that we expect people to work and not let their production be hauled down by Communist-inspired strikes."

"I impressed my view on the French Ministers that we definitely hope that the new French Government will not be Communist-controlled."

"The general assurance we got was that, with reasonable co-operation, the Communist could certainly be prevented from gaining the ascendancy."

Arguing, he said, were becoming more anxious about how their money was being spent in other countries, and added: "I want to make it clear, however, that despite demands for assurances from—benefactor, coun-

tries, there is not a growing feeling of isolation in America, and the Communists and the Russians should not get any comfort out of that. But the American people do not want to see strikes."

"Italy, for example, has lost the one-third of its crops due to Communist-inspired strikes. The strike we are seeing in France today does not add to our feeling of enthusiasm for the situation."

Mr. Bridges said that the questions discussed by the French Ministers and the commission included the amalgamation of the French Zone of Germany with the Anglo-American States area and the recent offer of large supplies of wheat by Russia to France.—Reuter.

JEW'S BEING CALLED UP

Reply To Arab Troop Movements

Jerusalem, Oct. 17.—Jewish community councils in main cities throughout Palestine today began public conscription of all Jews and Jewesses between the ages of 15 and 50, presumably as the Haganah's reply to Arab troop movements on Palestine's borders.

Huge posters called upon men and women "who have not registered for their civil duties to do so between October 19 and 30." The measure represented the first open conscription for Haganah forces since 1930.

In the meantime, the Arab organization Jihad, emulating the Jewish underground, exploded their first pamphlet bomb on the Street of Spices in the old city of Jerusalem, causing some panic.

The pamphlets admitted the Jihad's responsibility in the bombings of the Swedish, Polish and American consulates.

COMMUNISTS' PLEDGE

"Let Western imperialistic countries who wish to get rid of their Jews realize the Arabs' determination to use force to protect themselves," the pamphlets said. "America is in a position to give a hand of its own to Jews."

At the same time, Arab Communists pledged full support to the Arab League and the Palestine Arab Higher Committee.

Members of the Palestine Arab Association began an urgent meeting today in response to calls from Arab leaders at Lake Success to prepare material for submission to the International Court of Justice at the Hague.

The Palestine Government Public Information Officer tonight described reports that 10,000 Arab volunteers were concentrating along the Palestine borders as "a hoax".—United Press.

Canton Sails For H.K.

Southampton, Oct. 17.—The sea passenger service between Britain and the Far East, suspended throughout the war, was reopened today when the re-fitted P. & O. liner Canton left here for Hongkong with 544 passengers.

Among them was Lord Sinha, President of the Council of the Royal Indian Princes, and the only Indian peer, who is returning to Calcutta after a five months' visit here.—Reuter.

Boxing Promoter In Revolt

Solomons May Ignore High Court Ruling

London, Oct. 17.—Promoter Jack Solomons threatened today to disobey a high court ruling by billing Monday night's fight between Dado Marino and Rinty Monaghan as the "world's flyweight championship" bout, despite an injunction filed by the Scots boxer, Jackie Paterson, to restrain him from doing so.

Declaring open warfare against the British Boxing Board of Control, Solomons said, "I will bill the fight as for the world's title as recognized by me and as such as are and so without mentioning the British Boxing Board of Control."

Solomons said, "I have received a cable from Colonel Eddie Egan (chairman of the New York State Boxing Commission) saying that his Commission regards the world's flyweight title as vacant."

Sam Ichinose, Marino's manager, said a letter he received from Abo Greene indicated that the United States National Boxing Association also will recognize the Marino-Monaghan winner.

Solomons' threat to bypass the British Boxing Board of Control and the Paterson injunction put the British promoter in the position of recognizing the authority of the United States boxing officials instead of his native control body, which long has been under fire as an organisation without legal foundations.

Among crazier angles of Monday's fight resulting from last minute legal wrangling were the following: 1. A Hawaiian and an Irishman will be fighting for a title which on English court and a British boxing body apparently still believe belong to a Scotsman, Paterson.

2. Paterson will be fighting in a preliminary bout on the same card against Sammie Lee, a 12-year-old boy.

3. Paterson is fighting for a promoter whom he has just dragged into the court to prevent him from staging the headline event as a title bout.—United Press.

RYDER CUP TEAM SAILS FOR AMERICA TODAY

London, Oct. 17.—Ten British Ryder Cup golfers will climb aboard the Queen Mary for the United States tomorrow sporting blue blazers, nylon gold umbrellas and carrying £75 in their pockets.

The handsome, double-breasted blazers emblazoned with Ryder Cup crest were designed to escape the "quasi-look" and make the team the "true ambassadors of British golf."

The government permitted the golfers to take the old limit of £75 out of the country instead of restricting them to the current limit of £35 because the trip was arranged before the new ruling went into effect.

The Board of Trade, the Bank of England, the tallies and sporting goods manufacturers teamed up to make them a team of well equipped group of emissaries. Enough ration coupons were pooled to give each player several pairs of golf shoes, flannel trousers and multi-coloured nylon umbrellas rainbow in the Ryder Cup colours.

The team's expenses will cease at New York where they become guests of the United States Golf Association.

The captain, Henry Cotton, has banned shipboard practice which he considers "harmful." Shipboard rest will do everybody good. It has been a tough season, he said.

The players will be accompanied by Comdr R. C. T. Roe, Secretary and team manager, amateur golfer Leonard Crawley, of the British Walker Cup team who will report the matches for the London Daily Telegraph, and Mrs Henry Cotton, who is making the trip independently.—United Press.

French Horse Wins

Newmarket, Oct. 17.—Marcel Boussac's three-year-old d'Jelal won the select stakes with £200 added over one mile at Newmarket today.

Mrs Stanhope, Joel's Wild Child was second, beaten a length, and Victor Dhanan's French trained Vagabond II, heavily backed for the Cambridgehire handicap, was a neck further away, third.

d'Jelal, which recently won the Rich Dadeam Stakes at Ascot, was an 11 to 10 favourite.

The total for this week's Newmarket sales of mare foals, yearlings and horses in and out of training was £218,000 for 403 lots—an average of £537.13s.—Associated Press.

EDITORIAL

Creeds For Curing Crisis

THE Labour Party Headquarters have just issued a pamphlet "The ABC of the Crisis," which, strictly speaking is as much Party propaganda as the Conservatives' "Industrial Charter." With both, however, can be discerned an interest above Party politics. No British elector, in fact, of whatever political complexion from the deepest blue to the deepest red, could raise objection to five points of the present, six-point guide. These five points are: firstly, every worker should directly or indirectly turn out as many goods as possible; and every person who is able should join the thinned ranks of those in essential industries. Whether any individual is producing as much as he can in the most important job he can get is primarily a matter for his own conscience. Secondly, the success of the national effort depends upon raising the efficiency of production in every place of work. Joint production committees and other agencies of joint consultation can enlist the experience and enthusiasm of workers. Members of the Party should help develop joint consultation to the highest possible pitch. Thirdly, the national savings movement needs the fullest support. Fourthly, fuel and materials must be saved. Fifthly, vigilance by Party mem-

bers will contribute to the suppression of the black market. On points 1, 2 and 3, a comparison with the Industrial Charter can usefully be made. In the first point, the "ABC" appeals to the conscience of the individual; the Industrial Charter sees "restoration of a high rate of productivity" as the first of three immediate needs, but considers that the "desire for increased rewards, whether it be expressed in terms of profit motive or higher wages animates the great bulk of mankind." In a word—incentive. The "ABC's" second point lays stress on the value of joint consultation in industry, while the Charter emphasises the need for "co-operation at factory level," and consultations in other ways and at other levels. The need for national saving is the urgent concern of both parties, with the Labour Government very much hampered in its efforts to promote thriftiness by the omnipresent ills, the Labour Party is in a position to attempt a practical application of its creed. If it fails it will be because the theory and the facts are incompatible.

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'THE KILLERS' IS HEMINGWAY PLUS

By STEPHEN WATTS

THE crime ration is generous this week, but I have no doubt your appetite will be equal to it.

Public digestion is sound when it comes to large portions of murder and mayhem.

It's a remarkable thing this, if you reflect on it for a moment. One of the bases of the cinema's appeal is generally supposed to be self-identification. The argument is that much of your pleasure lies in imagining yourself into the personalities and situations on the screen.

For a couple of hours the girl in the stalls can be according to fancy, anybody from Garbo to Garbo, Lockwood to Loy. Vicariously she is gowned by Adrian and adored by Boyer.

Rarely Glamorous
Fine, tailor-made theory, but how then do you account for the popularity of murder? It's not much fun identifying yourself with a corpse, and detectives are rarely glamour-boys.

Perhaps this line of thought had better be abandoned here before it becomes uncomfortable.

I certainly don't want to suggest that you will go blithely along to see a film called "The Killers" (Central and Alhambra Theatres) because the title answers the call of the wild within you.

But the fact remains that mild characters like you (and certainly me), who would feel terrible to see one sample of death on the roads, will cheerfully watch a multiplicity of deaths on celluloid.

At the end of "The Killers," when the chief bad man is breathing his last and thus chafing up about the sixth violent expiration in the film, I caught myself thinking with callous detachment what a nice cleft that is Miss Ava Gardner has in her chin.

A Neat Job

Educated by all these films about psychiatry, I should now start worrying if I have a split personality or something. It's all very mysterious, and I leave the problem shamelessly in your lap.

"The Killers" is a very neat job of taking up a story where the original author left off. If you recall Ernest Hemingway's short story of the same title, you will find it brilliantly realised on the screen in the first 15 minutes.

Two gunmen come to a small town and quite openly kill an ex-boxer, now a garage hand. The film author has imagined the background to this grim execution.

It is done through the medium of an insurance investigator (Edmond O'Brien), who traces the dead man's past and gradually pieces together a story of a boxer who turned gangster. It is done in flash-back, which, when properly handled (and it is really constructively done here), is still one of the cinema's most effective story-telling devices. Like all the work of Robert Siodmak, the director of "Phantom Lady" and "The Spiral Staircase," the power of the film lies in the creation of atmosphere, the firm relevance of every detail.

The opening sets the tone. The two killers are terrifyingly convincing types—one a fat lump of flaccid evil, the other hard-eyed, craggy-featured.

Towards the end, the plot becomes a bit feverish in its intricacy, but there was never a moment when the grip on me was relaxed. Burt Lancaster, who plays the ex-boxer, may well be a new star.

CRIME AS PER HEMINGWAY



AVA GARDNER and Burt Lancaster in a scene from "The Killers," now showing at the Central and Alhambra Theatres. The film is adapted from the famous short story by Ernest Hemingway.

RICHES TO RAGS NOW THE VOGUE

By GUY K. AUSTIN

HOLLYWOOD'S glamour stars, usually groomed to a hair, made-up to an eyelash and dressed fashion-high are finding down to earth roles that seem to pay these days.

MYRNA LOY, for the first time in her long career, is not the well-dressed perfect wife started to grow again all over his head. "It must be the Mexican climate or something," he remarked.

In "Red Pony," her first in technicolour, she spends most of her time over a kitchen stove, plays a domesticated character: a hard-working housewife-ranchwoman who combs her hair with her fingers. JANE WYMAN scored as such a character in "The Yearling," which earned her a nomination for the Academy Award.

ANNE BAXTER dragged herself through alleys and opium dens for "The Razor's Edge," and won a supporting Oscar.

JENNIFER JONES, also nominated, clawed through the dust, her face bleeding and her nails torn for "Duel in the Sun."

In Mark Hellinger's "Brute Force," a tough prison yarn, Yvonne de Carlo (hitherto technicoloured as an exotic character like Salome or Scheherazade) plays a shabby Italian farm-girl.

And in black and white too, in Carey Wilson's "Green Dolphin Street," although Lana Turner wears quite a wardrobe for many scenes, she does hike through jungles, ripping her clothes and musing her hair.

One man who is pleased with this return to realism is artist James Montgomery Flagg, who in praising Jane Russell's beauty, got in a dig at Hollywood's methods of standardisation.

"Jane is beautiful, voluptuous and swarthy," he said. "I'm amazed that they haven't backed her down to the usual Hollywood standard—the coathanger with lipstick on it."

BOGAERT and Bacall are back from Mexico after weeks of shooting on "The Treasure of the Sierra Madre."

"The Yearling"

Contest

In connection with the showing of "The Yearling" at the King's Theatre, a colouring contest is being conducted among schoolchildren of 15 years and under.

Forms with the figure of Claude Jarman Jr., who plays the boy Jody in the film, have been sent to all schools, and the children are asked to return the forms coloured in crayon or water colour. The forms are to be returned to the manager of the King's Theatre not later than tomorrow, October 19.

The first prize is a Waterman's fountain pen and six tickets to "The Yearling." The second prize is a set of water colours and five tickets, and the third prize one dozen pencils and four tickets. Each of the first three winners in addition will receive one case of Coca-Cola.

There are 20 consolation prizes of complimentary tickets.

THEATRE

Directory

TODAY'S FILMS

KING'S—The Yearling (Gregory Peck, Jane Wyman, Claude Jarman Jr.)

QUEEN'S—The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer (Cary Grant, Myrna Loy, Shirley Temple)

CENTRAL—The Killers (Burt Lancaster, Ava Gardner)

LEE—Guest in the House (Anne Baxter, Ralph Bellamy)

ALHAMBRA—The Killers

KID STUFF AND ADULT TANTRUMS



CARY GRANT, Shirley Temple and Myrna Loy as they appear in the new screen comedy, "The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer," now showing at the Queen's Theatre.

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STAR QUOTES

MARLENE DIETRICH

answers this question:

"Did you have any experience during the war which would influence in some way your future work?"

YES, because of my travels everywhere during three years of the war, when I was entertaining members of the armed forces overseas. I am restless now. I can't stay put. I now understand what it is like to suffer from claustrophobia. I have to keep moving.

I respond like the old firehorse to the sound of the alarm at the thought of travel. So I must keep going away and coming back again. First I work in Paris, then Hollywood. Always after Hollywood, Paris or some other place where they make pictures will be my next destination. I am always very excited about going to California or to Paris although I may have only come from there.

That will be the policy of my career from this point on—to be "international." To go wherever there is the best story.

If Paris has something for me, then I'll go to France. I now am to do another picture in Paris to follow up the one I did there with Jean Gabin at the end of 1940, just before I came to America.

If London calls after Paris I go there next or back to Hollywood.

I don't want to be confined. As I say, I'm restless because I am used to being on the 'go' from these immediate past few years. I want to go where I want to go when I want to go.

This is another reason for me to be very sympathetic with my role of a gypsy fortune teller in my latest picture, "Golden Earrings." She is a nomad, she and I are kindred souls. I am a cinematic nomad today!

(Monday—Burt Lancaster)

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THE MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL
A WAR DISCOVERY GETS GOING

TO THE DOCTOR watching the young girl sink deeper into unconsciousness the diagnosis was clear—inflammation of the brain due to poisoning by arsenic.

IT HAD BEEN a justifiable risk to use the poison as a drug in her case. Her chronic skin complaint had yielded to it as it would to no other treatment.

BUT LUCK had been against her. As sometimes happened, the small doses of arsenic had inadvertently attacked the brain, and now the girl was near death.

THE DOCTOR was confident as he prepared to inject the oily liquid in the syringe. It was a new drug which, in 55 similar cases, had produced 44 dramatic recoveries.

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Our troops were issued with an ointment which could prevent blistering if quickly applied to skin contaminated by lewisite. But it could not save eyesight, or halt the insidious internal effects of the gas. The active principle in lewisite is arsenic. What was urgently needed was an antidote with the power to neutralise its effects deep inside the tissues.

The struggle

A research team was formed at Oxford's Biochemistry Department. In a brilliantly planned series of experiments Professor Rudolph Peters, helped by L. A. Stocken and R. H. S. Thompson, worked out the exact effects of arsenic on muscles and skin. They discovered after many attempts a penetrating liquid which rapidly counteracted the effects of arsenic on the body. They called it British Anti-Lewisite, code-named BAL.

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BAL was not ready in time to be issued to troops, but the research work went on. Driven by the necessity of war, they had found something no less useful in peacetime. BAL was the answer to arsenical poisoning in industry.

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BAL—now to be mass-produced in Britain—will be hailed throughout the world as one of the most important spoils of war.

DAB... AND FLOUNDER



by Walter

The British Broadcasting Corporation is seeking to extend and improve its services to the Far East. The aims and the problems involved are here discussed by the BBC's Far Eastern Director

Broadcasting to the Far East

by
JOHN MORRIS

SOCIAL custom and long-formed habit make it possible for orientals to absorb by ear much of what westerners cannot fully comprehend without resort to the printed word, and ideas on current affairs, politics, philosophy and religions are mostly passed around by word of mouth. Therefore, in addressing listeners in the Far East the broadcaster has one great advantage in that he is speaking to peoples still dominated by oral tradition. As far as can be ascertained, it is believed that there are at present not more than half a million listening sets amongst a potential audience of some 650 million people in the Far East awaiting the development of broadcasting. But the receivers now in use are in the hands of the most influential sections of the population—government officials, wealthy merchants, intellectuals and so on—and through this channel of listeners in key positions, broadcasting can already exercise a vital influence.

RECEPTION STANDARDS

In planning a service to the Far East, the first consideration is the attainment of certain reception standards: the service should be audible in all areas with a high density of population; it should be completely intelligible to the average domestic receiver; reception of the service should be reliable throughout the peak listening hours. These standards should be achieved without an excessive variation in frequency schedules. Direct transmission from Britain does not yet meet these requirements, as reliability is progressively reduced as the trans-

mission path passes close to the magnetic pole. Transmissions emanating from London must, therefore, be assisted on their way to the listener. During the war this was achieved by re-broadcasting of programmes by stations in India, Ceylon, China and Saipan, and now Singapore has become the main re-broadcasting centre from where the bulk of the B.B.C.'s Far Eastern output is at present relayed by the British Far Eastern Broadcasting Service. Even this arrangement, however, is not entirely satisfactory and it is planned eventually to develop the telecommunication links between the source and the relaying agency.

Another problem facing the Far Eastern Service of the B.B.C. is the recruitment of oriental staff. Broadcasters in oriental languages are mainly recruited for their linguistic qualifications, and are not usually capable of holding other appointments in other departments of the Corporation. They have thus limited scope for advancement beyond the ranks of their own specialised service and cannot consider their positions to be a life-time career. Moreover, we have found that it is necessary for staff to have first-hand knowledge of the country to which they are broadcasting, which is of particular importance in the present rapidly changing conditions of the Far East in general. Experience has shown that it is not desirable to retain oriental staff in London for more than two, or at the utmost three years, at the end of which period they are beginning to get out of touch with their national environment and the quality of their broadcasts begins to deteriorate. Under these conditions it is difficult to attract the best to what is, in their case, only short-term employment.

UNDERLYING POLICY

It may be argued that in view of these technical difficulties, it would be more satisfactory to serve the Far East from some convenient British territory in that area. But London, as a centre of both news and wide cultural activity, has advantages which outweigh the technical difficulties of broadcasting from there. Eventually, we shall probably arrive at a compromise whereby news bulletins, authoritative comment and a limited amount of carefully selected cultural entertainment material will emanate from London, while local news, light entertainment and talk on matters of purely local interest may be contributed by stations at Singapore, Hongkong and other centres in the Far East.

The underlying policy of our Far Eastern broadcasts is the projection of Britain in all its many aspects. News is the backbone of all our programmes. The Corporation does not accept, and never has accepted, any censorship of its news other than that imposed by the needs of war-time security. Even during the war we never hesitated to give the Japanese reports of news unfavourable to ourselves. The high prestige enjoyed by the B.B.C. is based to a great extent on the proved veracity of its news bulletins, and this policy is now beginning to pay handsome dividends all over the eastern hemisphere.

TALKS IN ENGLISH

One of our most successful experiments has been the introduction, since the end of the war, of a daily thirty-minute programme in English, consisting of a news bulletin, a talk on current affairs or some cultural subject, and a five-minute lesson in English. These talks in English are of a high cultural level. All over the East there is an increasing interest in western culture, and while we do not wish to pose as cultural dictators, it does seem important to encourage a taste for the best. The planners of Britain's future broadcasting to the Far East recognise that, for some time at all events, British stations will be broadcasting to areas in which Britain is a commercial competitor with other powers. If British broadcasts are to play any part in preserving British influence and British trade, it follows that they must be able to compete in attractiveness with the programmes sponsored by Britain's competitors. I have indicated the methods of achieving this desirable end. The means already exist; it remains only for them to be still further developed.

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BBC Overseas Shortwave Programmes

SUNDAY, OCT. 19

6.00 FORCES' FAVOURITES.
6.30 THE RICHARD TAUBER PROGRAMME.
Guest artist: Janet Davis.
7.00 WEEKLY NEWSLETTER.
7.15 WOMEN'S TALK.
7.30 RUNWAY SERVICE, from Warbeck Moor Methodist Church, Aintree, Liverpool, conducted by the Rev. Levi Dawson.
8.00 THE NEWS.
8.15 Tommy Handley in 'ITMA'.
8.45 COMMONWEALTH AND EMPIRE.
9.00 FROM TODAY'S PAPERS.
9.15 'SWEET REVENGE'.
Peter York and his Concert Orchestra.
10.00 THE NEWS.
10.15 HOME FLASH.
10.45 Jean Metcalfe.
THANKS YOU FOR YOUR LETTERS.
11.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.
11.15 FROM THE CHILDREN'S HOUR.
How the Wireless Came to Toytown: a Toytown Play.
11.50 Interlude.
12.00 MIDNIGHT, IN A SENTIMENTAL MOOD.
Rex Leopold and his Players.

MONDAY, OCT. 20

6.00 OBSERVATION POST.
Introduced by Richard Bennett.
6.30 MUSIC WHILE YOU WORK.
7.00 WORLD OF WORK.
7.15 AMERICAN DANCE BANDS, (Gramophone recording).
7.30 SPORTING RECORD.
8.00 THE NEWS.
8.15 FORCES' FAVOURITES.
8.30 FROM TODAY'S PAPERS.
9.15 VARIETY CALLS THE TUNE, BBC Variety Orchestra. Conductor: Rex Leopold.
10.00 THE NEWS.
10.15 NAVY MIXTURE.
10.45 PARLIAMENTARY SUMMARY.
11.45 MERRY-GO-ROUND.

TUESDAY, OCT. 21

6.00 WELSH HALF-HOUR.
6.30 MUSIC WHILE YOU WORK.
7.00 FLAIN ENGLISH.
Think Before You Talk. Henry Snell deals with the need for clear thinking before any sort of oral expression.
8.00 THE NEWS.
8.15 TRAFALGAR DAY.
Ceremony and Service in Trafalgar Square on the anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar. Commentator: Rex Alston.
8.30 BBC WELSH ORCHESTRA.
8.45 FROM TODAY'S PAPERS.
9.15 RHAPSODY.
Paul Fenouillet and his Skyrockets. Dance Orchestra.
10.00 THE NEWS.
10.15 BAND OF THE ROYAL LINCOLN SHIRREGIMENT.
Conductor: W. T. Brown.
10.45 TALKING POINT.
11.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.
11.15 VARIETY HAND-BOX.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 22

6.00 I'LL PLAY TO YOU.
6.30 MUSIC WHILE YOU WORK.
7.00 SCIENCE AND LIFE.
7.15 VOICES OF STRINGS.
The Borelli String Ensemble, conductor, John Store.
7.45 Interlude.
7.50 UNVEILING OF KING GEORGE V MEMORIAL BY HM. THE KING.
In the grounds of Westminster Abbey. Commentator: Richard Dimbleby.
8.30 THE NEWS.
8.45 JOSEPH SEAL (theatre-organ).
9.00 FROM TODAY'S PAPERS.
9.15 CAROLE SINGING.
9.30 'GREEN FOR DANGER'.
The Frank Launder-Sidney Gilliat Film, Episode 2: The Inspector Has An Idea.
10.00 THE NEWS.
10.15 LONDON FORUM.
10.45 THINK ON THESE THINGS.
11.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.
11.15 MUSIC HALL.

THURSDAY, OCT. 23

6.00 SCOTTISH HALF-HOUR.
6.30 MUSIC WHILE YOU WORK.
7.00 CULTURAL TALK.
'Pleasure from Books.' Greenmantle. A talk about Buchan's tale of the Secret Service with illustrations from the book.
7.15 HARRY PELL and his Orchestra.
8.00 THE NEWS.
8.15 OSCAR RADIN and his Band.
9.00 FROM TODAY'S PAPERS.
9.15 'THEY FOUGHT AT ALAMEIN'. Written by Chester Wilmet and Terence Tiller.
10.00 THE NEWS.
10.15 JAZZ CLUB.
10.45 EXPERIMENT IN FREEDOM.
11.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.
11.15 BBC NORTHERN ORCHESTRA.

FRIDAY, OCT. 24

6.00 THE GAY NINETEIES REVUE!
6.30 MUSIC WHILE YOU WORK.
7.00 CURRENT AFFAIRS.
This week's expert and F.E.D.'s discussion group leader tackle a topic in the news.
7.15 AT YOUR REQUEST.
8.00 THE NEWS.
8.15 KENTUCKY MINSTRELS.
A black-faced minstrel show.

FROM TODAY'S PAPERS

9.15 DANCING THROUGH.
10.00 THE NEWS.
10.15 'HAVE A GO!'
10.45 PRODUCTION PROSPECT.
A talk by William Hall.
11.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.
11.15 INVITATION TO THE WALTZ.
An adaptation of Rosamond Lehmann's book, by Mabel Constanduros.

SATURDAY, OCT. 25

6.00 AS SEEN FROM SCOTLAND.
6.15 COLONIAL QUESTIONS.
6.30 MUSIC WHILE YOU WORK.
7.00 TALK ON MUSIC.
The Symphony.
'The First Movement' (2), an illustrated talk by Roger Fiske.
7.30 RADIO RHYTHM CLUB.
8.00 THE NEWS.
8.15 NATIONAL SPORTSREEL.
8.45 THE BAND.
9.00 FROM TODAY'S PAPERS.
9.15 RADIO NEWSREEL.
9.30 MERRY-GO-ROUND MELODIES.
10.00 THE NEWS.
10.15 Interlude.
10.45 SATURDAY SPORT.
Including: The Footballers on Racing; The Solaris at Sandown Park, commentator; Raymond Glendonning; Soccer; West Bromwich Albion v. West Ham United, commentator: Alan Clarke. (Programme Announcements.) Sid Phillips and his Band, and Variety (on records included in this period).

JESTS AND JEERS

Definition of a boss—a man who is early when you are late, and late when you are early.

Scandal is something that has to be bad to be good.

A girl may show bad taste and good form in her clothes at the same time.

Experience is what we obtain from wanting what we don't get and getting what we don't want.

Most things nowadays are sold at farce value.

Television is a wonderful thing, but what's wrong with the good old keyhole?

After a few years of marriage man can look right through a woman without seeing her, and a woman can see right through a man without looking at him.

And then there was the story of the little dog that romped down the street playing hydrant seeds.

Looking For Looted Skeletons

An inquiry has been received from Czechoslovakia regarding the whereabouts of three anti-diversion skeletons, believed to have been looted by the Germans, the monthly report of the British Control Commission in Germany stated.
Other restitution claims received included church bells, barges and Persian carpets.—Associated Press.

Thin King Aloud

I FIND that I am in conflict with Dr Cyril Garbett, Archbishop of York.

One day he told an audience at York that he thought the Church should resist "modernism." He disapproves of the idea that ".....if our contemporaries cannot be attracted to the Church without sensation and excitement, they should be given stunts, emotional services, sentimental solos by infant prodigies, latent advertisement and sensational sermons on the sins and follies of the day....."

But why not? Our ancestors were not so nice in their appeals to the people to come to God.

Stunts? They put on morality plays on the altar steps, with Good-man paring the nails of the Devil dressed up as a bear.

Emotional services? A "service without emotion is nothing at all."

Advertisements? What are church spires and church bells but advertisements?

Sensational sermons on the sins and follies of the day? John Knox and Wesley did not stint themselves in this department.
If Dr Garbett will have none of these things then he must be content to see all the lovely churches, cathedrals and minsters of England become empty museums, in which the offertory boxes appeal for funds to restore the tomb of Edward the Confessor, instead of funds to rebuild the glory of God.

And again, in the same week, Dr Garbett told an audience at Selby

that the Government should tighten precautions against collusive divorce, which, if unchecked, will develop into divorce by consent. The archbishop disapproves of "the muddled-headed kindness which makes a husband think it chivalrous to spend a sordid night in an hotel with a woman in whom he takes no interest and who has been hired for the purpose."

But surely divorce by consent is clean, decent, and civilised. It is this ridiculous law which drives people who no longer love each other to such degrading subterfuges.

The sin, misery, and unhappiness that exist in marriage today come not from the nature of the partners—for that has never really changed since Adam—but from the archaism of the law.

There is only one way to make marriage more enduring and happier. It should be made more difficult by far to marry and much easier by far to divorce. The mess of marriage today is made not by any thrilling thing in human nature, but by a social system which openly invites people to live a lie.

Wot! Can't laugh?

"DON'T laugh at us," appeal the people of Dartford and Gravesend in Kent. Mr Alfred West, of

Dartford, has been going around collecting money for charity dressed up as a comic copper, and Chief Inspector Jackson and Superintendent Baker have been asking him, rather solemnly, to stop his larks.

Oh, dear. It's going to be so very dull when we aren't allowed to laugh at the law. They're going to lose all their precious popularity. I'm afraid.

Dunce comfort

NO more prizes will be awarded to bright boys in Long Row School, Belper, near Derby. Parents say there that prizes to the swots give an inferiority complex to the dunces.

And riches to the clever and industrious give a grudge to the dull and lazy.
The only effect of the no-prize decision will be to make the swots into dunces; in other life it is already turning the smart ones dull and lazy.

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shells from her 6in. gun before they would calm down again.

In this one small incident there lies the heart of the great world argument going on today. For there are plenty of people prepared and eager to talk about brutal British imperialism, which holds down the innocent native in thrall and opposes wooden spears with six-inch guns.

But there are not enough people. I fear, equally willing to point out to the world that the Communist agitator had not the slightest intention of fulfilling the promises that led to all the hullabaloo.

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SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"I'm a big eater, ladies—why don't you go and haunt that man eating a club sandwich?"

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FULL-PAGE FEATURE

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH PRESENTS A SUMMARY OF
NEW PARIS IDEAS INFLUENCING YOUR WINTER CLOTHES

Flouncy, Flat & Figure 8

THE three drawings you see here were made when Robb and I were in Paris for the autumn dress shows in the first week of August.

But so elaborate and cagey has the Paris dress-business become that (by agreement with the syndicate that runs their top-designers) it has not been possible to release these drawings until now.

WARNING: Don't dismiss the fashions you see here as "absurd" simply because they look extreme. No one pretends that the average Englishwoman is ever going to look exactly like any of these three.

But what is quite indisputable is that the fundamental "outlines" drawn here are the ones that will influence well-dressed women in the coming months.

Briefly this divides fashion into three new silhouettes—

FLOUNCY: Known as The New Look, this is really early-Victorian. The emphasis is on padded bust, corseted waist, long, flouncy skirt. Because of the immense yardage in the skirt (40 yards), this is the most difficult to copy in Britain—but the most likely to be copied in the countries where material is easier.

FLAT: Typical of the 1920 look. The clothes are designed to emphasise rounded shoulders, padded tummy, and slim long legs.

FIGURE-8: Emphasises rounded lines above and below pinched-waist. Stiff, pocket-plants exaggerate the hips. Stiffened plants in the bodice, too, accentuate the bust.



drawn by
ROBB

Mirrors give you man's-eye view of your figure

IN spite of all its chaos, the few can tell how the outer circles are striped.

With regards to your clothes, your mirror should send you many important communications as to whether they are in good taste, whether they are suitably appropriate or not, whether they are thoroughly spic and span, unspooled by a sagging slip, uneven hemline or any of those delinquencies which hit the onlooker so unfavourably in the eye.

Remember this essential factor—keep well groomed always, and you will not be guilty of being a dowdy, neither will you be overlooked by the man you wish to attract or to hold.

Don't stand still and look at yourself in a mirror, because you aren't going to be looked at just standing still.

Keep your eye on your mirror, for you must look right and know that you do look right, as so much depends on the impression you make.

Your mirror and your nervous desire to look your best—and your brightest, must not, however, delude you into working up what looks like a repoint job on Hedy Lamarr's stand-in where your make-up is concerned.

Unless you are definitely out to attract and to hold a man where the dramatic approach is of value, conservatism should be your keynote.

In any case, show restraint in your use of make-up. Use your make-up wisely, but not to the point of deluge. Use it to accent, your good points, and your natural good looks.

And if your desire is to attract someone's attention, don't waste it with ten focal points (it's usually red, and a bright red, at that, isn't it?) on your hands to draw the eye.... and withdraw the mind.

It's the same thing as the centre of a target. The little red bull's-eye—the smallest point is compelling that

Consider your entrance. Walk in front of a full length mirror; go towards it and see what you think of yourself... truthfully.

Ask yourself these questions: Is your head up or does it stoop? Do you lift your feet briskly or drag them?

Can you walk in a reasonably straight line, or are you pigeon-toed or duck-footed?

Do you carry your bag or clutch it nervously?

Now pull up your chair and sit down. Keep practising until you do sit down and sit up instead of collapsing on a piece of furniture.

What's your rear view like? Don't forget that the man's last impression of you... it ought to be good. Take a look at your back hair.

And finally, learn the art of making a quick but bold turn so that you register in his mind a last recollection of your face and smile.

GET A GOOD START ON BEAUTY

THE girl who gets places in this competitive world is usually the one who plans ahead. If you care about riveting admiring glances get off to a good start by taking stock of your figure. Chances are, you may have added an unflattering inch or two all the way down the line. Consider these liabilities as a challenge. Avoid highly fattening foods and exercise regularly to achieve a noteworthy figure.

Even Hollywood stars famous for their beauty have to include routine body-sculpting exercises in their busy schedules. Nan Leslie, who plays an important role in "The Devil Thumbs a Ride," keeps her lithe and lovely figure that way with a group of simple but effective exercises.



For this year's important doll-waist, lie flat on your back and, with hands clasped, extend arms forward. Rise slowly from the waist to a sitting position. Return to back. Repeat up to ten times, resting after every third.

This one is a scissor routine that will help trim your hips to desired proportions. Lie on right side, arms out. Raise both legs up from hip and, with straight knees, swing first one then the other leg, increasing tempo as you go along. Repeat ten times with rests.

To relieve tension and make for a well co-ordinated body that often is the key to charm, the spine should be kept flexible. Nan Leslie in the picture brings an exercise designed to relax the body.

Sit, legs crossed under you, hands locked lightly behind head and stretch as you would naturally. Maintaining the same cross-legged attitude, clasp hands overhead, palms up, and pull to the left. Return to erect pose, keeping back and spine straight. Stretch to the right, letting head fall slowly sideways. Repeat ten times, breathing in and out evenly all the while.

Elizabeth's Wedding Gown Costs £200

Princess Elizabeth's wedding gown, now being stitched from secret designs sketched by the Queen's dressmaker, will cost something under £200, it was disclosed by one of the few persons around the Court who really know.

The informant begged to remain anonymous. But a Palace spokesman declined that a press item asserting that the gown would cost £1,250 and be the equivalent of six years of ration coupons, "bears no resemblance to the truth".

The Board of Trade has allotted the future Queen a special group of coupons for wedding clothes, but has not disclosed how many.

The Palace spokesman said that thousands of Britons had tried to contribute some of their meagre clothing coupons to help the Princess obtain a more extensive trousseau, saying:

"Every single day more coupons come in, from the poor as well as the rich, in letters asking that the Princess have a really gala wedding. All have been returned, of course, but they certainly show the people's affection for the Princess."

The Daily Express said that attempts had been made to bribe employees of Norman Hartnell, maker of the Princess' wedding clothes, to obtain the designs. Scotland Yard said that no such attempts had been reported to the police. Hartnell's has a private police agency guard—Associated Press.

NOVELTY



THIS LINKED BRACELET and ring was worn by Valerie Hobson at a recent premiere. Originally invented for safety, because she made a habit of losing bracelets, the idea has been developed and marketed. This one is silver-plated, but these bracelets are expensive—price six guineas.

GI's German Girls Find Life Easier

Weisbaden, Germany—The best-dressed German girl to-day is the American soldier's girl friend.

She sports American frocks, shoes, stockings, lipstick, rouge, handbags, perfume and other items unknown to her less fortunate sisters. And she is well fed.

The non-fraternising German girl is easy to pick out from the GI's girl friend. She wears ersatz shoes with wooden soles. The dress she wears is pre-war and shoddy. Her face is devoid of make-up.

The GI's girl friend is now almost unrecognisable from the American wives in Germany. She has a Swiss wrist watch. She wears perfume and fancy costume jewellery.

Other German women look longingly in shop windows that are bare except for poor substitute jewellery made of wood or other materials, practically the only luxury items available.

PX Purchases

The GI buys luxury items to outfit his girl friend either in the post exchange or has them sent from the United States. He gets her a job in military government, particularly if he is an officer. Then she gets one meal a day of American food, served in a large central mess, to supplement her German ration.

American wives and daughters get first chance at all feminine items in the post exchanges. But if items are not sold in about a month or two the PX holds a "sale" to clear out the items at bargain prices.

Unmarried officers and men are permitted to buy feminine items in the sales.

Now that the non-fraternisation ban has been lifted the GI can declare his intention to wed a German girl four months before his scheduled departure. One month before departure the marriage is performed.—United Press.

BEAUTY MASKS

The latest beauty treatment on the market for men and women are Yeast-Pac Beauty Masks from London which chase away blackheads, enlarged pores, wrinkles and crow's-feet. Distributed in Hongkong by Messrs. G. C. Sui and Co., these masks are really something new, for they bring the revitalising properties of native health-giving "Dorma Yeast" directly to the pores, and immediately the skin recovers its natural softness, clearness and beauty. Attractively packed in hermetically heat-sealed pink sachets, the masks are pleasantly perfumed with beneficial extract of linen.

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Lullaby creams

Bring you loveliness

while you sleep...

To Helena Rubinstein dry skin is the most serious beauty problem. More than seven out of ten women have it. A dry skin ages quickly, lines easily, looks taut. Even if you are twenty and have only a tendency to dryness you will need a gentle lubricant. You may be fifty or sixty and want a cream that is rich. Helena Rubinstein urges you to use these special lubricating creams at night. Smooth them in, in rhythmic, upward strokes.

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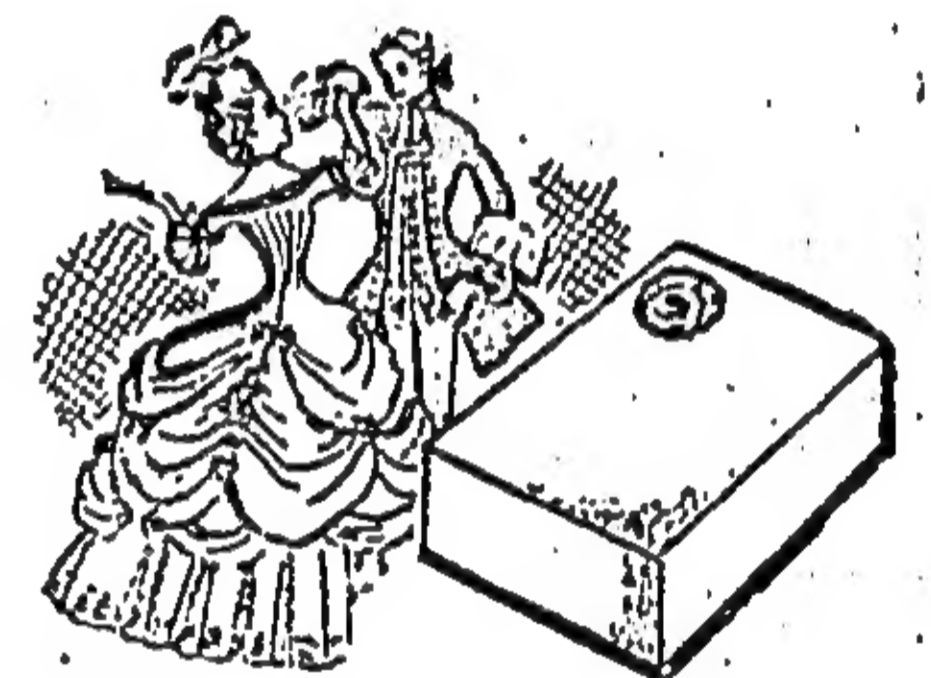
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Those in the know here now say that the Americans have dropped the Marshall Plan

PARIS.

If none of that Marshall Plan help ever comes through, if all the hard work of Sir Oliver Franks and the rest of the Paris Conference experts turns out to have been wasted, you can blame it on two things. First, that the conference was held in Paris. Second, that Mr William Clayton, U.S. Economic Under-Secretary, had to come to Paris to visit the conference.

A friend of mine here in Paris has told me how he met Clayton in one of the smartest, most delicious, and most expensive of the Paris restaurants. He saw Clayton's eyes popping out of his head at the Lucullian profligacy of the dishes being served, not only to him, but at all the tables.

And, alas for the conference of Europe's 16 supplicants, Mr Clayton's fellow diners were not dollar-rich Americans, Egyptian millionaires, wealthy Argentines, or Swiss. They were the same Parisians who always go to these places because they know what is good and don't mind spending £6 per head to get it.

The very next day gift-horse Clayton decided to look his French beneficiary in the mouth.

"Are you sure," he asked the experts, "that you have checked the French demand for grain shipments with all due care? I observe that the wheat-growing area in France is today 30 percent less than in 1939. That is no doubt splendid for the French farmers who want to sell more meat and butter on the black market. But Congress will never approve."

Of course, he was told that lack of tractors, agricultural implements, and fertilisers was in part responsible for French farmers converting to pasture.

But one query started him on a whole chain of others. Clayton asked for cuts by thousands of millions of dollars in the estimated cost to the U.S. of the scheme.

Even when he got the cuts he was not happy. Then he suddenly had a brilliant idea. Could not the committee prepare a plan which would make no provision for American help at all but just show Europe doing its best to help itself with its own resources?

This was too much, however, for even the most appeasement-minded of the experts.

I DON'T suggest that if the conference had been held in Geneva or London it would automatically have been a success. There is much that makes Marshall aid difficult to put over, apart from the psychological effect French gastronomy has on Mr Clayton.

The truth seems to be that Marshall and his advisers plunged into this reconstruction and aid project somewhat impulsively. Only now are they beginning to realise what a colossal expensive and complicated scheme it is—and must needs be. They have become scared of it. And there is no doubt that the atmosphere of Paris aggravates their fear of appearing in the eyes of their fellow-countrymen to have been "played for suckers by a set of slick Europeans."

Theoretically, they want to present a cold business proposition to Congress.

It would then be up to Congress to decide whether the plan could really make Europe productive and prosperous again by the end of 1951, and whether the estimated cost would be worth it to the U.S.

BUT in practice the American advisers have been so anxious to make the report palatable to Congress, so many cooks have been at it, demanding alterations and additions, that the final product is in danger not only of looking overcooked, but of being overcooked. Overcooked to the point of having lost all value to Europe and any attraction for Congress.

There may be something of the same kind in Mr Marshall's mind. Significantly enough, he did not mention his favourite child in his latest speech. Nor are the American high-ups in Paris talking any more of the Marshall Plan. They talk of the "Marshall Approach," a much milder kettle of fish. I am not alone in suspecting that the decision to call the committee's report a draft report, with the suggestion that further reports will be needed before anything is submitted to Congress, has all the marks of a polite and gradual funeral of the whole scheme.

SOME of the foxier brethren among the 16 think so too. They are already trying to get off the collective bandwagon and see whether they cannot induce Washington to give them a little Marshall Plan aid on their very own. That I suspect is why the French and the Italians are so anxious to demonstrate that they will be completely self-supporting by 1951. If

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they get the help they ask, while certain less virtuous countries such as Britain will still have a deficit even after Marshall aid is done with in 1951.

Yes, despite the immense importance of the scheme to Europe, despite the loss in prestige its abandonment would involve for the U.S. vis-a-vis Russia, I advise anyone who is basing his plans on Marshall aid to be careful. He would do well to plan again, and without the American billions—in fact, to do as Mr Clayton gloomily suggested.

POSTSCRIPT: "Outside help" in the shape of heavy timber supports appropriately enough helped to prop up the walls of the Grand Palais exhibition hall where the conference was being held. The committee rooms inside were draped in sackcloth. There was no lack of cigarette ashes.

A man with two jobs . . .

SIR MARK TURNER, Financial Adviser on Germany to the Foreign Office, now in Washington for the German talks, has caused comment by rejoining the private banking firm of Robert Benson and Co. while he is still at the Foreign Office. The old debate has started up again whether a man can be a private enterpriser and a public servant at the same time. Many take the view that Sir Mark is liable to be hampered in both his activities by excessively scrupulous care not to confuse his functions.

Embassy loses its airplane

In many capitals of Europe the British Ambassador has his own airplane. But no longer in Warsaw. The Russians did not like the British Embassy aircraft flying

around behind their curtain, and so the Poles have cancelled the British Ambassador's authority.

But even when our Warsaw Embassy kept its own aircraft in Poland things were always happening to prevent a flight. The aircraft would get itself arrested—a mistake, of course—or, as once happened when I was in it, a tyre would blow on a nail mysteriously shed on the runway.

De Gaulle says war in 3 years

WATCH de Gaulle. From his home in the Haute Marne he is going to make a great bid at the coming French municipal elections. He is fighting these elections because unless something unexpected happens they are the last French elections until 1950 and he will not have another chance of testing his strength.

In larger communes Proportional Representation will be in force. This, it is thought, may favour de Gaulle, who has few personality candidates capable of winning direct election, but whose personal popularity may attract many to vote the list he heads.

De Gaulle, I am told, believes that war between Soviet Russia and the West is inevitable within the next three years. He wants France to be ready for it. And he believes he is the man to make her ready.

Russians take up the tracks

UNLIKE de Gaulle, the Russians do not seem to be contemplating war—anyhow, not for the near future. They have just given orders for a further large amount of rails and railway installations to be torn up in the Soviet zone of Germany and shipped to Russia.

If you expect war you do not remove your means of carrying troops to the front.

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

EVERY conceivable human activity seems to be watched and reported on today.

Not long ago a patient aesthete totted up the number of miles Hammond has run between wickets in his long cricketing career. And only the other day I read that a football team had eaten 400 eggs in a week. This is welcome proof that the great mass of the people ought to feel that it is better fed than ever before. Those who could not bear to think of a footballer going without an egg, sent in 33 dozen. As somebody has remarked: "A footballer leads a dog's life today—the lucky fellow!"

'Tibetan Moonflower'

I HAVE bought the rights of a new serial for this column—another tale of the mysterious Dingo-Poo and her luckless adorer Colonel Egham. It is the story of how a secret visit was made to Tibet by the Colonel and his secretary, Mr. D. J. Miles, to inquire into the possibilities of exchanging British water-proof typewriter covers for large quantities of health-giving Naji-beans. The Naji fields of Tibet are owned by Dingo-Poo, and love, tempered by negotiations, is the theme of this wildly exciting

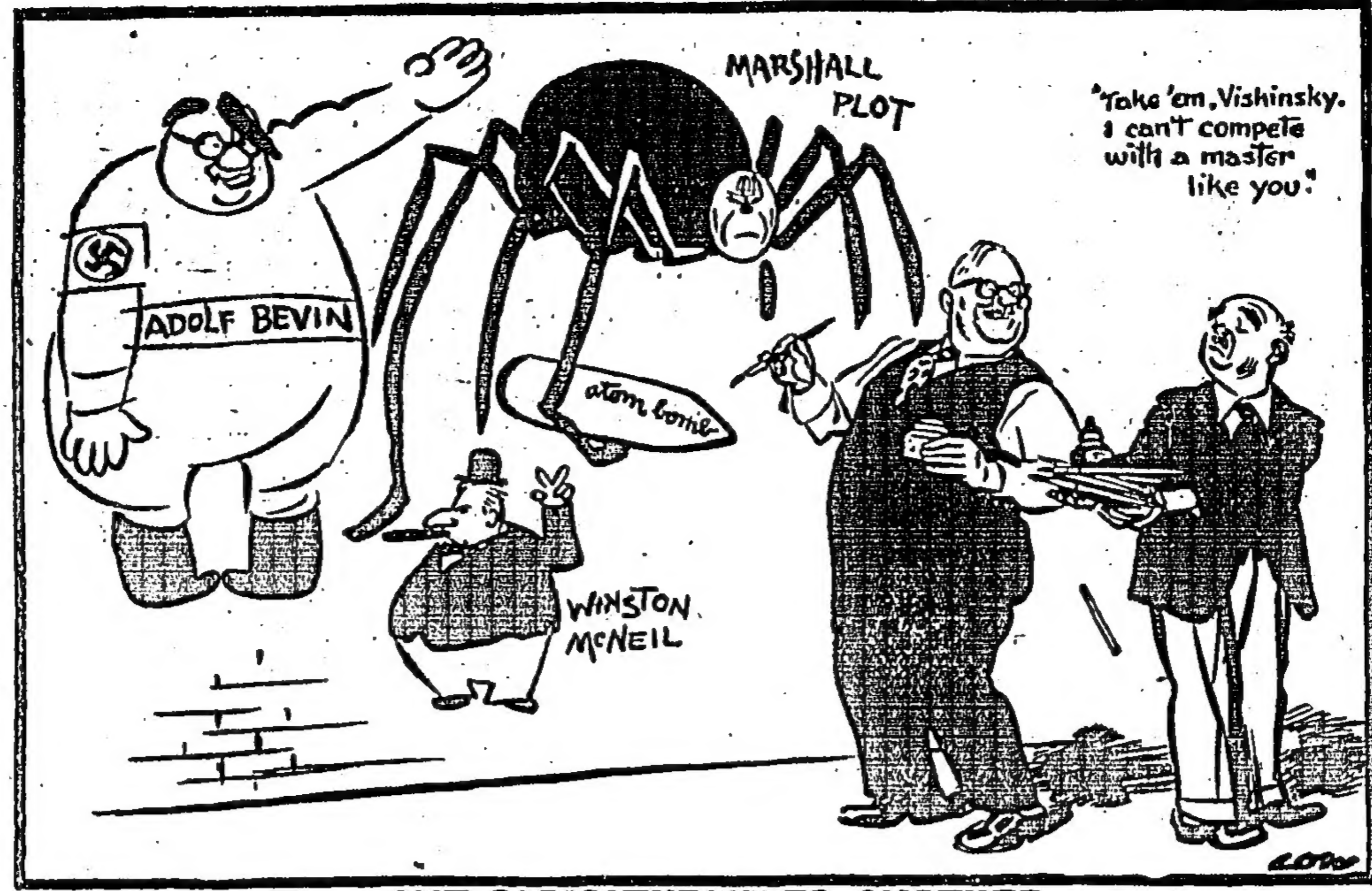
story. If you would escape to the sun-parched Tibetan hinterland, where only the yak-bells fill the drowsy air with longing, do not miss "Tibetan Moonflower."

Theatrical gossip

THE Turkish dramatist, Mme. Kodiva Oyd, was the guest of the Women's League of International Cultural Reciprocity and World Artistic Relations (a branch of the W.B.L.T.N.R.S.V.D.E.W.J.M. P. A.A.S., or GADNO, as it is called). Her latest play, "Torture," is to be presented at the tiny Algorque Theatre, where the Eskimo Ballet has just concluded a successful two weeks, under the masterly direction of the great choreographer Otto Kith.

Tail-piece

In these regulations, the expression "question" shall include any matters which may, under paragraph (a) of the proviso to paragraph (2) of regulation 10, or under sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (2) of regulation 11, of the principal regulations be determined by the Minister, and the expression "decide any question" in regulation 2 shall be construed accordingly. (Official trials).



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NO THOUGHT OF POLITICS

By "Candidus"

PERHAPS the most disquieting aspect in the world today is the almost wilful tendency to brush aside—to ignore—the seriousness of world politics. In England, ten thousand times more thought is given to the forecasting of football results than to devoting thought to the future of the world.

Government tolerates the former—a mass form of gambling which in itself tends to undermine economic stability. Millions of pounds are involved, and it cannot be said that the State benefits. Government fails, however, to take any concrete steps to educate the masses politically. Of course, some may assert that the socialistic doctrine is a form of education. It seems about time that the masses should be warned that another and greater war is probable unless the people themselves are made aware of their responsibilities.

The peace of the world, for which the last war was waged, and during which millions died, is as far from realisation as ever it was. Indeed, if you follow world events at all, you must realise that war appears to be more likely than peace. Unless the people are given guidance along sane and logical lines of reasoning, their complacency may be rudely disturbed.

RUSSIA, is of course, the great enigma. A recent appreciation of the current situation, especially with regard to the United States and Russia, has been written by Cyril Falls, Chichele Professor of the History of War, Oxford. Says Falls: "The United States will champion those ideals upon which it places so much importance in its own social life, and will leave it to the world to judge between them and those of Soviet Russia."

American ideals, as practised in the United States, are open to the whole world to understand and judge. The same, unfortunately, cannot be said about Russia, whose great country is in the greater part a closed book, jealously guarded against the eyes of other nations who wish to observe for themselves the effect of Russian ideology amongst the Russian masses. If the Russian form of Government is ideal, and at the same time preserves and guards the rights of the individual, why should there be any desire to hide it from the rest of the world?

We do know that Russia appears to be determined to spread her doctrines throughout the world, and we also know that many freedom-loving nations do not desire Russian interference in their internal and domestic affairs.

CYRIL Falls analyses the position very succinctly in the following: "Although our own policy need not and should not be slavishly modelled upon that of the United States, we also have had proof that subservience to Russian demands wins us no respect, and that the glossing over of Russian provocations leads only to their increase. Firmness may not appear to have paid big dividends so far, but in the long run is likely to prove more profitable than appeasement. There is no cause for extreme pessimism, but at the same time it would be perilous to allow concern over the financial and economic state of the country to blind us to the less favourable aspects of the international situation. A steady and consistent foreign policy, not exaggerating the dangers and not laying quite so much stress upon the inevitability of destiny, . . . but on the other hand, shunning complacency has never been more essential than at this hour."

THERE are too many people who fall back on the worn-out and dangerous dictum that no matter what happens "Britain will muddle through." The sooner that is scrapped, and we get down to some serious thinking, the better. The matter of what form of government the peoples of the world should take is a subject which should be discussed widely amongst those most concerned—the people. It is not a question of party politics, but of international politics. And at the back of all is the vital question—Peace or War? Individual freedom or martinet masses?

CHICAGO PUTS THE HEAT ON THE UNDERWORLD

By ROBERT T. LOUGHRAN

CHICAGO'S hoodlums put their pearl grey hats in mothballs and went into hiding when the police declared an "open season" on the city's underworld for the first time in 12 years.

Police Commissioner John Pendergast ordered a "continuous" war on the hoodlums' activities, which range from running gambling rooms to selling bottled water to night clubs.

Not since the days when "Scarface" Al Capone's syndicate terrorised Chicago's gangland have police been ordered on an all-out hunt for underworld characters. This new war on the "hoods," many of them former "disciples" of Capone, was declared as the result of testimony given at a Civil Service Commission hearing of charges against two police officers.

The officers accused authorities of "railroading" policemen who arrest well-known gangsters. Pendergast got "fighting mad" and responded by telling the

policemen to go out and do the job.

He ordered that all "known" hoodlums be arrested on sight. He was even contemplating sending out a secret "hoodlum squad" of 10 or 20 hand-picked detectives to track down the underworld characters.

Assistant State Attorney Wilbur F. Crowley said it was going to be a concentrated drive, and Sheriff Elmer Walsh said the hunt would be spread throughout Cook county.

But most of the hoodlums either were out of town, doing the resort circuit, or were in hiding, waiting for "things to cool off." They shed their grey hats, white silk shirts and patent leather shoes, long the trade mark of Chicago gangsters. If they were circulating, no one knew about it.

It appeared that the "hoods" would stay out of circulation for some time, as the result of Pendergast's orders for unrelenting war on racketeers.

The clean-up campaign came as a direct result of the hearing of charges against police Capt Thomas Connelly and Lt. William Drury. They are fighting charges that they conspired to bring about false indictments against three men accused of shooting James M. Ragen, Sr., racing information czar.

Ragen was wounded by unknown assailants on June 24, 1946, and died two months later. Announcement of the war on gangsters came just two days after State Attorney William Tuohy had released a transcript of his questioning of Jack Guzik, reported heir to a good share of Al Capone's "business ventures," about Ragen's death.

Before he died, Ragen dictated a lengthy statement in which he charged that Guzik and other syndicate members were trying to "muscle in" on his business, the dissemination of horse race results to handbooks.—United Press.

So it was left—still unsolved. The conclusion must be—unproven. The accepted theory must be discounted—possibly something was seen, it may have been the balancing pole trick of the juggler with a boy sitting on top. And—growing like the fisherman's story—became the Rope Trick.

I'm reminded of a yarn told me by a conjuror who travelled far—he should go farther.

He said his tricks were taught him by a fakir who one fine day stood in the desert. A tremendous crowd had gathered—the rope was thrown in the air—the boy climbed—he was supposed to return but he didn't. Being a fakir in a good way of business, he had another boy—so he sent him up, and he didn't come back. The crowd grew restless, thousands of them. At last the fakir thought he'd better climb the rope to see what was wrong at the top, so up he went; but he didn't come back. The crowd began to talk together—they decided they, too, should ascend the rope—so, one by one, the whole audience climbed up, and now believe it or not—there is no one left in India!

WHY THERE'S NO ONE IN INDIA

NO doubt the greatest mystery in the world is the secret of the Indian Rope Trick. I think the reason is simple—it has probably never been performed.

What you are supposed to see, if it could be done, is this: The conjuror works in the open air entirely surrounded by his patient audience—he takes a coil of rope and throws it in the air. If it works all right, the rope stays put—suspended in a vertical position—perfectly straight. Then a boy assistant climbs the rope

white magic is being practised—decided to make a full scale investigation.

It was a long job. Inspectors were sent out, and about three thousand alleged witnesses of the Indian Rope Trick were interrogated. Many of these people professed to possess the secret—one woman said it was done by the use of a long thin bag disguised as a rope. The bag had a zip fastener down the side. When a

FRANCIS WHITE arrives at this conclusion, after an analysis of the Indian Rope Trick

until he reaches the top, the magic spell or incantation is cast by the conjuror, the boy vanishes. Soon, pieces of this charming bag begin to fall out of the sky—a truly sad sight. Undaunted, the conjuror collects the odds and ends—he makes sure they're all there, and puts them in a sack. Another word and the bag emerges from this sack completely unharmed. Yes, a staggering trick—if it's ever been done.

This yarn has travelled down the centuries, improving as the years pass. It turned up first of all in China about 1350—the man who reported the happening said it affected him so much he had to have another drink. The emphasis on the word "another" suggests he may have been the ancestor of Colonel Chintstrap.

Two hundred years afterwards the story turned up in Germany—this isn't surprising—imagination is possibly a weakness of that race. Then it really arrived at the place which became its home—India. . . . it then became known to everyone as the Indian Rope Trick.

India has produced some pretty good magicians, but none of them better, of course, than Western conjurors. I can put my hand on Englishmen who can not only duplicate fakirs' tricks but can bamboozle the best wizards that India can produce. Taken all round, bamboozling these boys at their own game is no mean piece of wizardry.

The day came when the Magic Circle Occult Committee—these are experts who investigate all phenomena to satisfy the Council that only

long cane was stuck in the bag it was supposed to extend into the air. She didn't say how the boy was to vanish—as always. Eventually the evidence was collected and the great night came—the stage was all set.

In the chair was the late Lord Amphil—around him was a galaxy of talent—ex-Viceroy—ex-Governors of Indian Provinces—learned magicians—witnesses were called for the prosecution.

An expert hypnotist killed the theory, that mass hypnotism was used—he alleged that a crowd could not be hypnotised. Then, someone for the defence—he said he'd seen the trick performed. . . . but . . . it was a narrow street, the houses on each side having verandahs. The performer used fuel which caused a smoke screen so it wasn't possible to see the top of the rope. The conditions were not in accordance with the rules. Another man said he had seen the trick, but had arrived late when the rope was already extended. He must have left a little early as well.

A collector of books said that in his whole library of fifteen thousand books on Magic there was no evidence supporting the story of the trick. Then several Indian Army officers took the stand. They'd offered large rewards to anyone who would come forward to perform the illusion—but the money remained intact.

DAVID LANGDON CARTOON



BISSET OF THE QUEEN ELIZABETH greatest merchant seaman of modern times writes his life story

Began in a windjammer

A beating for running away; my first cap with shining peak; loading kerosene, molasses, marlinas; heaving chains to 'unmoor ship'

Sir James Bisset, who has just retired as Commodore of the Cunard White Star Line, is the greatest merchant seaman of modern times.

"Never-saw-a-sub" Bisset carried during the war in the Queen Elizabeth and Queen Mary—the biggest ships ever afloat—600,000 troops without losing a single man through enemy action.

He was knighted for his magnificent record. When honoured at Cambridge University he was dubbed "a prince of navigators and a scorner of dangers."

by **COMMODORE SIR JAMES BISSET, C.B.E.**

I WAS born in West Derby-road, Liverpool, on July 15, 1883, the second of six children. My father, a Scot, kept an ironmongery shop. My mother was a Lancashire woman.

Except for an uncle who was a sea captain, smell excitingly of whisky and cigars, and did all in his power to prevent me from going to sea, my family had no connection with ships.

My father was a God-respecting man. Sailors both he and my mother considered drunken ne'er-do-wells—my uncle was no exception in their eyes.

He was not a blood relation, anyway, and had committed the pagan sin of running away from home to join a ship.

But a mile from my house were the great Liverpool docks, crowded with fine, tall sailing ships, and many steamships, too.

From my early boyhood I loved to see them, to play near them in some leaky old rowboat tied astern until, with fellow scamps, I was chased away.

Then one of my schoolmates left school and went to sea. When he came back a year later in all the glory of uniform, brass buttons and tanned skin, I revered him as a hero.

From that moment the tremendous ambition fired itself in me—I would be a sailor. I was 12 years old.

School continued until I was 14, and then my father started me in an office job with a marine insurance company at 4s. a week, trusting that a saner, commercial acquaintance with sea matters would show the folly of romantic dreams of sailing before the mast.

3 CAPTAINS

Say: "Stay ashore. Only fools go to sea"

BUT sea fever was in my blood and would not be denied. It soon found something to baton on—the first ship's log book that I ever saw, sent to the office in a claim following the dismantling of a barque off Cape Horn.

To me it was a stirring ocean drama. I found more old log books and pored over them when I should have been working.

In three months my head became as stuffed with sea lore as any old shellback's.

I demanded again and again to go to sea, but my parents remained opposed. They were staunchly backed up by my uncle, the sly dog, who chewed his cheroot in disgust at how poor a life it was.

"You don't look poor, uncle," I would retort, and got bundled out of the room for my cheek.

Moved to the Anglo-American Oil Company as a 6s. a week clerk, I saw three sea captains. They were big, bronzed

fellows, counting out gold sovereigns and stowing them in their overcoat pockets.

I was a small, rather puny lad and they must have been primed about my continual chatter of the sea.

Grasping my shoulder with a hand the size of a shovel, one said: "So you want to go to sea, my lad? Lay over there and let's have a look at the cut of your jib."

Then another said: "How d'you think he'd look, boys, on a maintopmast yard in a living gale, goose-winging the main-lower topsail? And the old ship wallowing around and rolling her guts out?"

"Oh, ho, my boy, it's a hell of a life. Take my tip and stay ashore. Only fools go to sea!"

And, laughing, they slapped me painfully on the shoulder and rolled out of the office.

Stowaway plan

It is a sharp commentary on the way modern children lead their parents by the nose, when I record the immense courage it took to decide to defy my father and run away to sea.

One evening I did not go home from the office. I was determined to stow away in a windjammer.

But the body was weaker than the spirit, and at 11 p.m., tired and hungry after crude attempts to board a ship. I went home. I got a beating and was sent to bed—super-
less.

My father got so tired of hearing me bleating about hating the office that eventually I was taken to the family doctor in an attempt to prove that in any case I was a too frail and softly nurtured mite to stand the rigours of life at sea.

To my parents' dismay the doctor diagnosed: "It'll do him a world of good. Make a man of him."

This was my first victory, and now my father had to make up his mind whether he could spare the money to sign me as an apprentice to a good ship-
ping company.

I SIGN ON TO—

"Faithfully serve said Master"

ON October 6, 1898 the deed was done; an Ordinary Apprentice's Indenture was drawn up with the Liverpool shipping firm of William Thomas and Company. My delight was soaring high, and the solemnity of that little occasion as we signed and sealed the parchment in the shipowner's office was lost on me at the time.

I have the document by me as I write. By it I see that

little four-foot-nothing James Gordon Partridge Bisset, 15 years old:—

"Hereby voluntarily binds himself Apprentice for the term of four years and the said Apprentice hereby covenants that, during such time, he will faithfully serve his said Master, his Executors, Administrators and Assigns and keep their secrets, nor will he absent himself from their service without leave nor frequent Taverns or Alehouses, nor play at unlawful games, in consideration whereof the said Master hereby covenants he will and shall use all proper means to teach the said Apprentice the business of a Seaman and provide him with sufficient meat, drink, lodging, medicine and medical and surgical assistance and pay to the said Apprentice the sum of £20."

I was to get £3 the first year rising to £8 in the fourth. The word "washing" was deleted from the list of services to be provided by the master. My father had to pay £20 premium, to be returned if I made good.

I was to join the three-masted barque County of Pembroke, shortly sailing for Australia. And with my father and a clerk. I was going down to meet the captain right away.

My ship!

As we walked through Salt-house Dock we came in full view of the County of Pembroke in all her gallantry of tapering spars and masts of rigging. My ship!

Captain Williams received us in his cabin lined with highly polished panels of bird's-eye maple, and opened a bottle of whisky.

I little thought that soon I would be down on my knees once a week holystoning the deck of that cabin, and polishing the bird's-eye maple once a month.

My instructions were to be on board at seven o'clock the next morning in working clothes for the ship was to take on stores for three weeks before sailing.

That afternoon by mother and I went down to a big department store to get my outfit.

She bought me a wooden sea-chest, a canvas seabag, suit of oilskins, leather scabbards, three suits of dungarees, a leather belt with sheath and knife, and, greatest triumph of all, a uniform cap with a shiny peak and the ship company's badge on the front of it.

The shop assistant tried to sell us a cracker-hack bag and mallet, a ditty bag with sail needles, marline spikes, serving boards, sail hooks and so forth.

But we did not know what all those things were for, so my mother would not buy them.

I wore the cap straight away and, tucking a suit of dungarees under my arm, I walked out of the store with a slightly rolling gait, imagining myself to be a sailor already. Next morning the family were all up much earlier than ever before, and after my mother had made sure I had my woollen underwear on, I was out in the cold, dark street at 6 a.m. I felt quite a man to be abroad at such an hour—and left my brother and sisters admiring me at the door.

ON BOARD

Preparing for a 12 months' voyage

I WAS aboard the County of Pembroke 15 minutes too early, but presently I met the two other apprentices, bigger and stronger lads than myself for Bill had been to sea for three years and Tommy for two.

The ship was loading general cargo for Melbourne and taking in stores for a twelve months' voyage. From seven in the morning to six at night we were mulling barrels of flour, peas, salt beef, pork, beans, sugar, oatmeal, molasses, tar, kerosene, balled and raw oil, turpentine, drums of paint, rope spun yarn, marline, canvas, sails, sacks of ship's biscuits—all the stores.

I was exhausted at the end of the day, but rejoicing in the work. I was being allowed to get as dirty as I wanted to, and so proud was I when I presented myself to my brothers and sisters that I didn't even want to wash.

Other days we spent whitewashing the biscuit tanks, bending sail, scrubbing the cabins, and doing the thousand jobs of preparing a sailing ship for the sea.

My cap sat jauntily on the side of my head now, and I felt myself the envy of all the boys ashore.

At last the ship was ready for sea, and we were to be aboard before midnight as we were sailing at high water the following morning at 6 o'clock—October 15, 1898.

How well I recall the quiet tears of my mother as she watched me rushing my supper of ham and eggs, the last home meal I was to have for many, many months. I was in such a hurry to get to the ship that I hardly listened to her advice about warm clothes.

To her I must have looked altogether too tiny a thing to brave the unknown perils of deep water thousands of miles away. And at the last farewells the love and pity in her eyes made me afraid, too, and I was near to tears.

My Father's Bible

Close on 11 o'clock my father, elder brother and I set off on foot for the ship. As we approached the docks we encountered the backwash from the public houses which were throwing out their patrons, and there were fights and scuffles.

These brought further good advice from my father on the evils of strong drink. He gave me a Bible inscribed: "To Gordon, on the occasion of going to sea."

The clock in the old Custom-house boomed out 12 as my father hugged me to him at the ship's side with "We must leave you now, my boy. Don't forget to say your prayers every day."

My brother gave me a hug and said: "Bring home a parrot and a monkey."

I stood on deck listening to their footsteps on the cobbles. I think I must have listened for five minutes, and when the last faint echoes died away my heart sank to its lowest; if only they had called I would have swallowed my shame and run after them.

Another look at them and I would never have sailed. But they did not return.

A STRAW BED

I cried myself to sleep

CLIMBING down the ladder, I got into the tar-smelling half-deck to my bunk. I dragged blankets out of my bag, crawled on to the straw bed and, child that I was, cried myself to sleep.

The other apprentices, then the drunken, shouting sailors, disturbed me, but I went off again.

It seemed as though I had slept only a few minutes when there was a great banging at the half-deck door and in burst the mate, a huge figure clad in oil-skins and carrying a hurricane lamp.

"Show a leg," he was roaring. "Out of it to unmoor ship."

Tom and Bill rose at once, but I couldn't think the mate meant me. I was so terribly tired, and I turned over and went to sleep again.

A horny hand reached under the blankets and drew me sprawling on the deck.

"Skulking on your first voyage," snarled the mate, who was in foul mood. "By God, if you're not out in two minutes I'll flay the hide off you."

3.0 a.m. on deck

I began putting on my oilskins by the light of an evil-smelling oil lamp. It was shortly after 3 a.m., and I was so sleepy and cold I could hardly stand.

Out on the deck in the rain we divided into two shivering groups and, sticking close to Tom, I pulled ropes, wires and chains with numb fingers, with barely a notion of what it was all about.

Then I found we were gradually pulling the ship out into the middle of the dock, and the steam tug Sarah Jolliffe came to pull us into the river.

As we dropped down on the ebb tide I saw a few women in shawls with babies in their arms waving us goodbye. It was not a glorious send-off.

One shaven old girl pointed at me and shouted to a companion: "Look at that poor little devil. He'll never be back."

And so at 15 began my first voyage, with homesickness heavy in my heart.

But my tender feelings were soon trodden on by the mate cursing me for an idle young scoundrel and setting me to work.

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Displaced Persons Want To Settle In America

Most of the non-Jewish displaced persons in Germany want to resettle in the United States, and many of them are not going to accept any other resettlement offers as long as there is any hope of the U.S. throwing open its doors.

If they cannot go to the United States, then the majority of these homeless war victims want to go to some other country across the ocean—Canada, South America or Australia.

They want primarily to get out of Europe, away from the ravages of one war and the threat of another, away from racial antagonisms and economic uncertainty.

As for the Jews, nearly all insist on going to Palestine.

Only Solution

These are the conclusions drawn by an Associated Press correspondent from talking with scores of displaced persons and officials of the International Refugee Organisation, which is caring for approximately 750,000 displaced persons in Germany.

Convinced that most of the DP's left in Germany two and a half years after the war will not return to their homelands, IRO officials agree that mass resettlement in new countries offers the only hope of finding permanent homes for these people.

Resettlement is being done at a steadily growing but still alarmingly slow rate. More than 150,000 have been offered homes in 13 countries.

However, most of these offers have come from already crowded Europe, whose capacity for absorbing new immigrants is strictly limited and where most of the refugees do not want to go.

Stratton Bill

Without large-scale offers from the Western Hemisphere, principally the United States, officials frankly wonder how they can ever clear Germany's DP camps.

Consequently, interest is focusing on the so-called Stratton Bill now pending in the U.S. Congress, which would admit 100,000 displaced persons to the United States every year for four years.

Thousands of displaced persons are waiting to see the fate of that bill before they choose a new home.

Poland's Farm Slogan

"Help thy neighbour" is the new slogan of Poland's Ministry of Agriculture.

It has requested that all farmers lucky enough to have tractors, farm machinery and sufficient horses lend them to less fortunate peasants so that ploughing, sowing or harvesting may be completed on time.—Associated Press.

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Sir James Bisset smiling at the end of a voyage that carried 14,000 American Servicemen.

SPORTS FEATURES

FOOTBALL TIT-BIT: KITCHEE v SING TAO

Meeting Tomorrow

(BY "SEE TEE")

Kitchee, still unbeaten in six first division matches and who have a forward line which has found the net five times, meet Sing Tao, last year's champions, at Causeway Bay tomorrow afternoon. This is Sing Tao's first league team match of the new season following the Club's return from its tour in Britain.

This afternoon's senior league games, almost without exception, are extremely well-matched encounters. The Navy will have a hard struggle to beat Kowloon Motor Busmen; the R.A.F. Devons is a most likely draw, as is the meeting of the Saints and the Club on the Club ground. Over in Kowloon the Police will have a hard struggle to hold off South China's sprightly youngsters.

The most competent stage-managers could not have staged a more suitable and more interesting first match of the season for Sing Tao on their return to local football than that prepared for them on Sunday. In a way it is a pity that it has not yet been possible to arrange a match between the Sing Tao team which played in England and an eleven drawn from the rest of the colony or from the Services. Such a fixture would have excited tremendous interest. As it is, already some of the tourists are dispersed to other clubs and if such a fixture is long delayed its novelty will have worn off.

SING TAO FLAVOUR

There was a very strong flavour of Sing Tao about the Kitchee team which put up a Chinese A.A.'s unbeaten record on Thursday. It included Hau Yung-sang, probably the best fullback in local soccer, Lai Shui-wing, the tactical brain of the champions' attack last season, who was playing in his regular inside left berth, and Ho Ying-fun, a good right wingman. It will be interesting to see the shape of the Sing Tao team which is arrayed against

lead which they increased to 3-0 within thirty seconds of the re-start. Then in 25 minute roaring football the Inniskillings scored six goals before their opponents could themselves notch another. Excitement bubbled up and reached fever heat when the soldiers scored their fourth goal from the penalty spot. Spectators at Caroline Hill foresaw the South China-Saints game and swarmed to the far end of the ground to watch this much more thrilling game. The soldiers' recovery was outstandingly meritorious, and indeed the way the Chinese Busmen fought back to 6-5 after falling 6-3 behind showed fine qualities of recovery.

CLEVER LEFT WINGER

South China supporters who were watching this match from Caroline Hill must have noted with mixed feelings the clever play of Lee Shek-yau, their one-time regular outside left. Lee played a fine game on the wing for the Busmen but lacked the support of a good inside man. At inside right was the wiry Cheuk Shek-lam who played a grand game throughout. He worked the ball well and did much to try to get the Busmen's attack running smoothly.

Cheuk's play was rather overshadowed by the brilliance of the Inniskillings' inside left. He scored his side's first goal and set going many of the more successful soldiers' raids. Now and again Kierman used the forward and rising steps to his right wingman, to my mind one of the most telling weapons an inside forward can use. It is seen only too



T. A. Madar receives the Liberation Shield from the donor, Mr Ezra Abraham, after Kowloon Cricket Club had defeated Kowloon Bowling Green Club in the deciding lawn bowls match last Sunday.—Ming Yuen.

WEEKEND DIARY

TODAY

Soccer.—1st Div.

Police.—Police v. South China, 5 p.m.
Sookunpoo.—RAF v. Devons, 5 p.m.
Navy.—Navy v. Kowloon Motor Bus, 5 p.m.
Club.—St. Joseph's v. Club, 5 p.m.

Second Division "A"

Police.—Police v. Eastern, 3.30 p.m.
Valley.—RAOC v. HQLE, 3.30 p.m.
Navy.—Kowloon Motor Bus v. S. China, 3.30 p.m.
Valley.—WD Chinese v. Dockyard, 5 p.m.

Second Division "B"

Club.—Sing Tao v. Chinese Cadre, 3.30 p.m.

CRICKET

HKCC.—Interpret Trial, T. A. Pearce's XI v. H. Owen-Hughes' XI, 2 p.m.
Recreio.—Recreio v. KCC, 2 p.m.
KCC.—KCC v. HKCC, 2 p.m.
Sookunpoo.—IRC v. RAF, 2 p.m.

Swimming

Cross Harbour Races from Kowloon Praya at 5 p.m.

Lawn Bowls

Kowloon Dock.—KDR v. KCC, 3.30 p.m.

Yachting

HKYC routine race programme. Boats leave Kowloon Star Ferry 1.50 p.m.; leave Queen's Pier 2 p.m.; arrive Kellert Island 2.10 p.m.

SUNDAY

Soccer.—1st Div.

Sookunpoo.—Inniskills v. 25th RA, 5 p.m.
Police.—Kwong Wah v. Eastern, 5 p.m.
Navy.—Kitchee v. Sing Tao, 5 p.m.

Second Division "A"

Navy.—Taitoo v. Navy, 3.30 p.m.
Caroline Hill.—St. Joseph's v. Kitchee, 3.30 p.m.

Second Division "B"

Happy Valley.—RASC v. Electric, 3.30 p.m.
Caroline Hill.—Signals v. S. China, 5 p.m.
Happy Valley.—REME v. RA, 5 p.m.
Police.—Chinese A. v. RAMC, 3.30 p.m.

Cricket

HKCC.—Interpret Trial, T. A. Pearce's XI v. H. Owen-Hughes' XI, 11 a.m.

Yachting

HKYC Routine race programme. Boats leave Kowloon Star Ferry 10 a.m. and 1.50 p.m.; leave Queen's Pier 10.10 a.m. and 2 p.m.; arrive Kellert Island 10.20 a.m. and 2.10 p.m.

The Softball Fans Will Be Yelling Their Heads Off Again Soon

(By "SPECTATOR")

This year's official softball season is to start shortly—probably in the next weekend, but in that connection there is this question: Is the game going to return to its former pre-war popularity? Time will tell but there is reason for optimism that the once popular game will return to its pre-war prominence, or at least very near it.

Before dwelling on the things that should contribute towards the success of the new League competition, it is recalled here that two complete, yet unfortunately not altogether successful, seasons have been brought to an end since the reoccupation. The first attracted little attention and it ended like everyday's business.

The second, the last League, was better, although more could be expected. Then many players of pre-war fame had returned to these shores and most of them took part, but their keenness was sorely wanting. Well-organised outfits were a thing of the past. Rivalry was keen enough but standard was mediocre. Followers gave the game the cold shoulder. Indeed, the ground used for games was hardly adequate and there was no accommodation in the form of a stand for spectators. Spectacular ball playing by participants was scarce and the way they entered the field in uniforms of sorts did not help to bring popularity to the game.

The organisers did their best. They had a difficult time getting fixtures carried out as arranged—no less than two out of eight teams failing to complete their schedule of matches. The management arranged a grand finale at the end of the season—prize-giving and dancing at the Peninsula Hotel. Even at that function the attendance was poor compared with pre-war days. Further, the ladies continued to give the game the miss for the second time in reoccupation Leagues. They used to form at least 50 percent of the softball crowd.

THE WOMEN RETURN

There are a good number of good reasons why we can expect a more successful season.

To begin with, it is most pleasing to note that our women players have at long last decided to return to their "old scorching flame" Softball. It appears that Therese Noronha and Alice Mar are commendable leaders in this feminine revival, for their names are in the Association committee.

Five teams have entered for the Ladies' League. They are the pre-war all-popular green-shirted Wahcoos, Canadians, led by the same Alice Mar, Recreio and two squads of Merry Madcaps. Eddie Marques, I understand, is running the last named team.

More good reason: The satisfaction only for the men's division. Eight teams—there may be nine—have registered to compete, and they will abide by the Association rules that they will have to appear on the field in uniforms. Neat, smartly uniformed players are an "attraction."

The clubs entered are South China, Recreio, Canadians, Victoria Recreation Club, Hongkong Baseball Club, Filipinos, Merry Madcaps and St. Joseph's. Probable starter is Rover.

A notable absentee from the entries is the Giant squad, holder of the Doc F. J. Mullen Shield, the winner of last year's League. The Giants have disbanded—such a pity!—but well, I suppose, they know their own business. A welcome return to the local diamond is the Filipino team. If they can play softball as they play music, the field is theirs. Here's hoping they can!

LIVE-WIRE LEADERS

Then another reason for success: The League is in good hands. Doc Mullen, prexy of the softball association for as long as the game is played here, heads the running of affairs again. He has the assistance as Hon. Secretary of Harold Winglee, that live-wire of an all-rounder for most ball games. He is back in the colony after being away for most of the past two seasons. Predecessor Tony Ribeiro, hard-working and

The Gazelle From Jamaica

(BY RECORDER)

The Olympic Games in London next year will be short the Iraqi gazelle boy, but indications are that there will be a gazelle boy running—from Jamaica. Herb McKenley is already well-known for the fact that he consistently runs a quarter mile in 46.2 or 46.3 seconds.

Late this summer, Herb McKenley discarded the University of Illinois track suit and put on the colours of the famed Shore Athletic Club of New Jersey.

He then took a flyer at J. Kovacs' world mark of 30 seconds flat for 300 yards and Maxwell Long's more than 40-year old record of 47 seconds flat for the 440 yards straightaway.

When Kovacs ran the 300 yards in 1935 everyone gasped. An unknown Hungarian international who had made his mark in the high hurdles and had bagged a World Universities' Championship in the event, Kovacs had never been regarded as a sprinter.

Then one day, right out of the blue, he took a flyer at the 300 yards mark and he did it. I remember the sports commentators of the period. "Unbelievable. A flash in the pan, etc." The fact is that Kovacs did it and the IAAF recognised the effort.

It took Herb McKenley ten years later to be the first man to run the 300 yards under events. Herb turned in a neat 29.8 seconds. He then took a flyer at Maxwell Long's 440 straightaway mark, a mark venerated as a memorial to the great runners of the Irish-American age of New York's pioneer athletic era.

PHENOMENAL RUNNING

Herb McKenley not only punctured a mark Maxwell Long had held since near the turn of the century, he took all of two seconds off it. He was timed in 45 seconds flat, or, thinking in terms of events, one second over.

All this is nothing. Herb has also covered 100 yards in 9.4 seconds, 100 metres in 10.3 seconds and the furlong in 20.2 seconds, the last mentioned effort a world mark if it will be passed.

Shortly before the last war, he was a schoolboy in Jamaica and his greatest rival on the island, a school chum and one of his closest friends was another great coloured runner—Arthur Wint.

A few weeks ago at the White City, Wint returned to big-time athletics after a whole season of mediocre performances with a 1.50 effort for the 800 metres. He was promptly tipped-off by all and sundry for an Olympic title next year.

It is whispered of McKenley, however, that the better of the two Jamaica flashes can turn in a neater half-mile than Wint anytime he wants to. He hasn't the stride or the staying-power of "Long John" Woodruff, the sheer running grit of another great West Indian, Dr. Phil Edwards of British Guiana, but he has something else that no other great negro runner has exhibited to the same extent—pure clockwork speed.

Both Woodruff and Edwards could double up, the former at the quarter and half, the latter at the half-mile and mile. McKenley also has doubled up—at 220 and 440 yards. At the Big Ten Meet in

May this year he tripled it in the 100, 220 and 400 yards.

DIFFICULT TRIPLE

Earlier in the season he had his heart very nearly run out doubling up against the track Southern California Trojans. In the "Quarrier" he had been confronted by a mighty race over 300 yards by the Trojans' second-stringer, Wells DeLoach. It was a stride-for-stride affair. Just a few yards back, running easy, was the mighty Hubie Kerns, a returned war veteran, tipped to be considerably slowed up.

But, under a blazing California sun, one might think specially turned on for the occasion, the Trojans were playing one of their age-old Injun-catchem tricks. As DeLoach faded out at 300 yards, veteran Kerns took over. He was level with McKenley in no time and the great Jamaica flash loped on surprised, broke stride and ran for the tape in a mad scramble.

It was still McKenley, first, Kerns, second, DeLoach, third, Los Angeles reporters found McKenley in the washroom being very sick. The Jamaican pulled himself together, however, for the 220 yards. At the starting line, with him was "Pell-Mell" Patton, the Trojans' greatest over sprinter, a running machine more carefully primed than had been Charles Paddock or Frank Wykoff.

It was stride-for-stride from the gun, then a neat turn. The turn was neater for Patton. He was out of the "tunnel" and in the race for the tape McKenley was five yards behind. Patton was timed in 20.4 seconds. McKenley in 20.0. The Trojans had, on tactics alone, taken off Illinois a valuable four points.

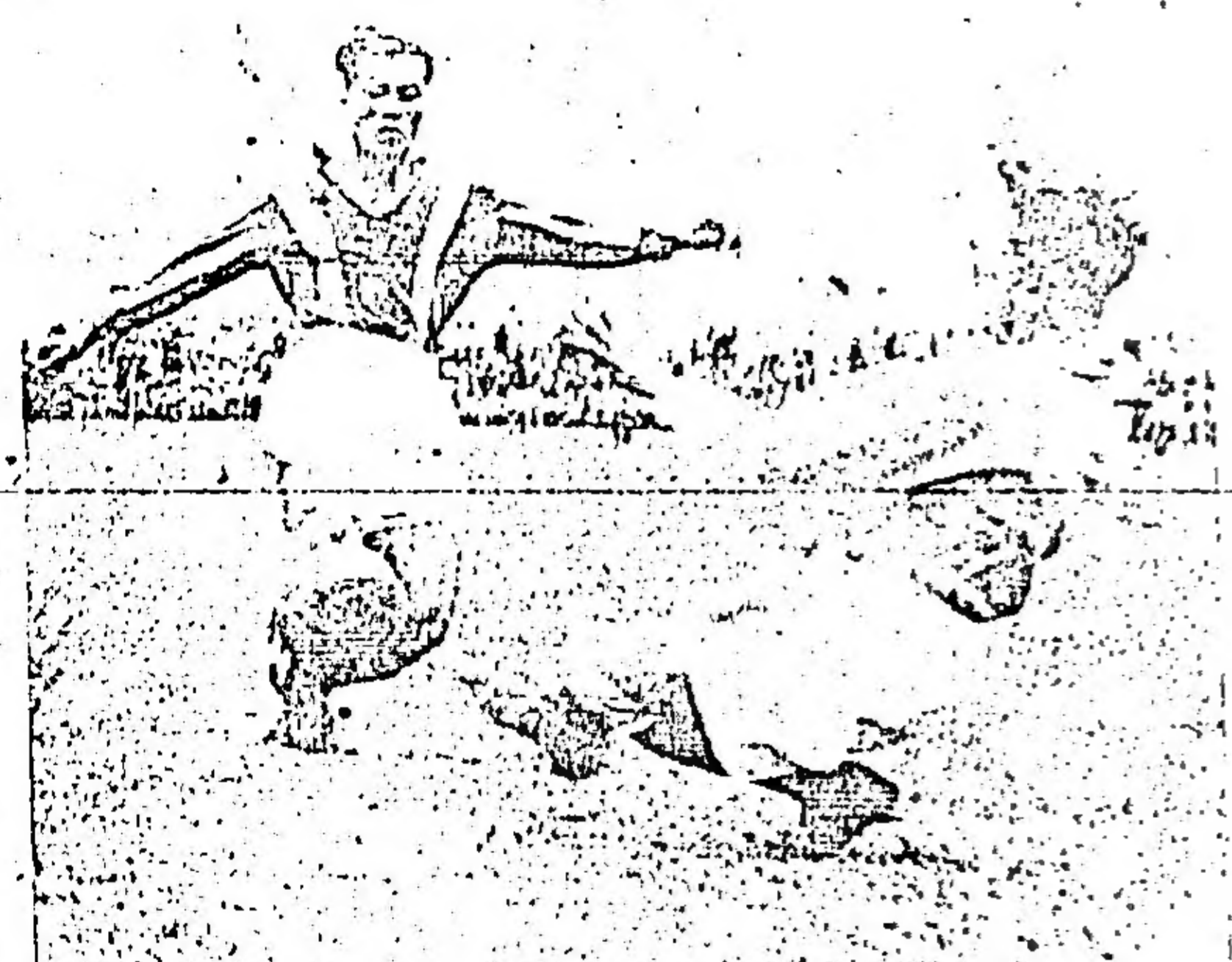
DEFINITELY FOR OLYMPICS

Eager since, McKenley has been chary of doubling it. He doubted again successfully at the NCAA finals but when the Nationals came around he was taking it easy. It is more than probable that, remembering his California experience, Herb will not double it in the Olympics.

McKenley, who will definitely, with Wint, run in Jamaica colours at London, will have to choose between four events. In the 100 metres he is faced with one of the crackerjack aggregations of sprinters over. At 600 metres he is faced with the fastest field too at any Olympiad.

To be on the safe side, he will have to choose between the 200 and 400 metres. He will probably enter for both and scratch from the shorter route if he gets drawn into faster company. There are anything from three to four heats to the final and to be drawn in the second round with, say, MacDonald Bailey and Patton, will take a good deal of wind even out of the McKenley system.

But give Herb McKenley a week's rest between each of the four events and he would be—I don't dare doubt it—the first "winner" of a quadruple Olympic crown.



Craske, goalkeeper for the 25th Royal Artillery makes a daring interception in the football match between RA and Kowloon Motor Bus played last week.

the unbeaten Kitchee-men on Sunday. This game should produce some stirring football and will probably attract one of the biggest crowds of the season.

It is preceded by a second division game in which Taitoo meet the Navy's "B" team. It will give a large number of followers of football an opportunity of seeing the sailors' quality; already many are of the opinion that with no more than two or three changes Navy "B" team could hold its own in the senior division of the league.

There were few surprises among last week-end's results. The match between the then unbeaten Chinese A.A. and St. Joseph's proved the toughest battle generally expected. The speed and skill of the Chinese were matched (almost) by the determined play of the Saints' defence. But there was very little open constructive play by the Saints; their football was negative as it was again at Caroline Hill on Wednesday. Their 6-3 defeat by South China might easily have been swung the other way under the lead and guidance of a tactician.

CLUB IMPROVING

The Club's ding-dong struggle with the Navy which ended in a goalless draw was fairly well to form. The Club may yet become a force in local football. They were unlikely to lose to the Inniskillings last week and their victory over Kwong Wah on Tuesday was no fluke. This afternoon they entertain the Saints and this match may well prove to be one of the most sporting and interesting games of the day.

Fortunes fluctuated sharply at Sookunpoo on Wednesday and the crowd, most of whom were perched at vantage points outside the ground, could hardly have forecast the sweeping change which came over the game in the second half. In a dull first half the Kowloon Motor Busmen pocketed a comfortable 2-0

rarely in local football. Insidenemen and wing halves prefer to slice the ball along the ground to their wingmen and usually direct it at his feet. The angled pass, which rises over the defender's head and is directed seven or eight yards ahead of the wingman is not a difficult kick. It can be varied with a longer slant to the other wing. Many good inside forwards seem to aim the ball for the corner flag with the idea that the wingman should take it on the run and be right into his stride before the defender recovers.

LINESMEN'S DUTIES

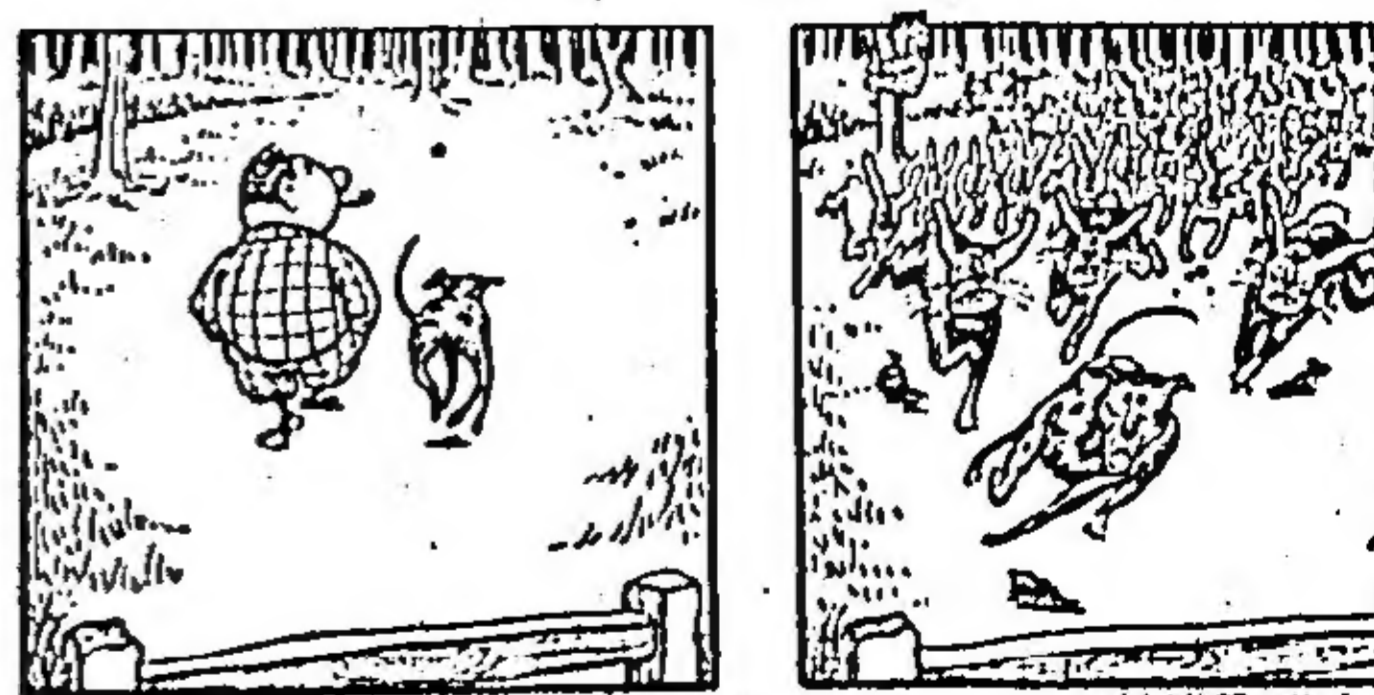
A brief word on the duties and responsibilities of Linesmen would probably help one or two who are running their first lines just now, either as neutrally appointed officials or as "club" linesmen. Primarily a linesman is intended to indicate when the ball is out of play and to indicate which side is entitled to corner-kicks or throw-ins from touch. Generally he should try to be of assistance to the referee in every possible way. There should be nothing timed about the way a linesman uses his flag. If he wants to attract the referee's attention he can best do it by holding his flag high over his head and waving it vigorously. The referee will usually signal if he does not wish to stop play. It is a good idea for a linesman to indicate a corner kick by running towards the corner flag with his own flag pointing in that direction. If he wishes to indicate a goalkick he should turn his back on the corner flag and walk away from it at the same time pointing his flag towards the goal-posts. Above all a linesman should ensure that his flag is always above the forward line which is attacking in his half of the field, most particularly when the referee and other linesmen are far away at the other end of the field attending to a corner or penalty kick.



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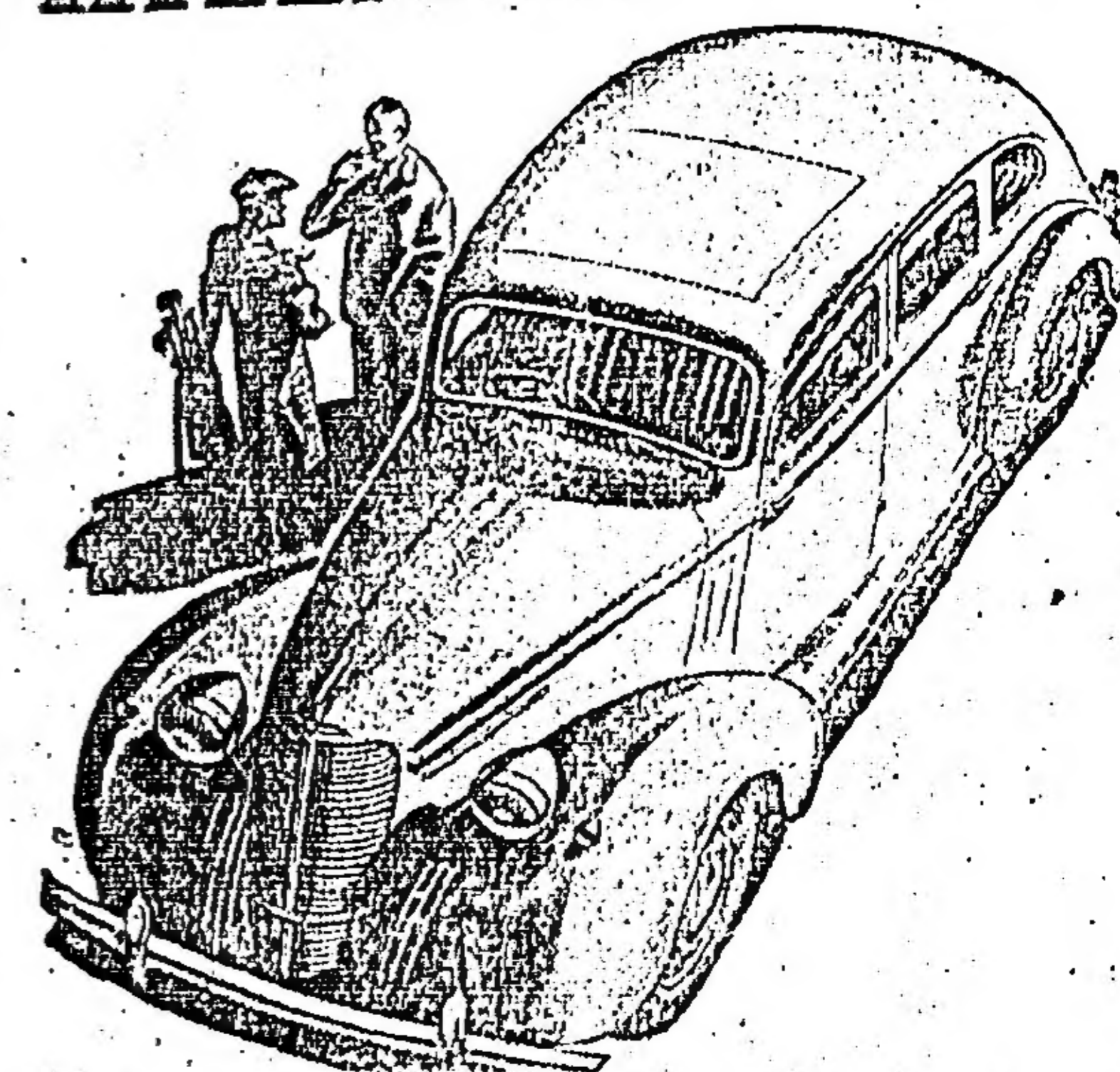
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2. The Court of Arches is Court of Appeal, tennis court, proposed new block of flats for the City of London, entrance to St James's Palace?
3. A dead hog might provide you with—
Lamb, pork, bacon, veal?



4. Puzzle picture — from Adam the Gardener.
5. The Oaks, which was run last week is named after—
Trees, racehorse house, jockey?
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Take it in water, lick it, rub it in, apply it, in poultice, drink it after meals?
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4, 6, 8, 10 balls?
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Frederick the Great, Queen Victoria, Edward VII, Wilhelm I, Wilhelm II?
9. The Pilgrim Fathers landed in—
Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Virginia, New Jersey?

Swiss Funds For World Charity

The Swiss Federal Council's request for a 20,000,000 Swiss francs appropriation for international charitable activities has been submitted to the Swiss Parliament.

The Council has tentatively fixed June 1948 as the termination date of this activity. An autumn campaign for the collection of farm commodities for the benefit of war-devastated peoples was abandoned when a summer-long drought reduced agricultural production.—Associated Press.

THE 'FLYING BRAIN' MAN TALKS ABOUT HIS TRIP...

By ARTHUR COOK

FOR the 10 hours 15 minutes that the American Sky-master flew the Atlantic with no one at the controls, 29-year-old James L. Anast, civilian electronics engineer from Columbus, Ohio, hardly left the "automatic brain" for a moment.

Occasionally he played gin rummy with the emergency crew, won 60 cents on the trip, but his eyes were on his instrument panel more than they were on the cards.

It was James Anast who built the "brain."

"Crazy" about electrical engineering, James Anast was drafted into the American Army as an infantryman early in the war. His big chance came in 1942 when he was sent to England to study radar with the R.A.F.

The MAN

He told me: "Many of the things the R.A.F. taught me are in this 'brain.' Without the R.A.F. training I couldn't have done the job for this flight."

It was in 1945 that American radar experts first thought of an automatic brain, and 18 months ago James Anast set to work to build the set for the high-sounding All-weather Flying Division of the American Army Materiel Command.

Anast's job began with the assembling of all the available experience of radio aids for navigation, automatic pilots, and beam landing developed throughout the war. Every scrap of knowledge, British and American, went into this one huge set.

By this time the automatic pilot consisted of about 800lb. of radio equipment—equivalent to the weight of a crew of four or five men. All this had to be piled into the Sky-master before James Anast and his assistant, G. B. Johnson from Iowa, could press the button—and fly.

The MACHINE

Was it really as easy as that? What really happened? I found the answers in a talk with James Anast. These are the facts.

This instrument which is controlled electronically, operates with a skill not unlike that of the latest types of calculating machines. At one end you feed into it a series of statistics and at the other end emerge the answers.

In the case of the flying "brain," Anast had to feed in all the details about the flight which are normally given to a human pilot before he takes off. The "brain" needed the answers to these questions: "What is to be my rate of climb; at what height must I fly; what is to be my course; with what radio stations must I keep contact?"

For all these vital bits of flying data there are dials and knobs to be adjusted on the "brain."

In the cockpit of the robot Sky-master was a replica of these controls represented by a series of lights numbered to tally with those on his own panel in the fuselage.

Now for the actual flight. This was arranged in 12 distinct stages or sequences, each one indicated by one of the 12 lights on the control panels.

The FLIGHT

From the time Anast stepped into the plane in Newfoundland his diary read like this:

SEQUENCE 1: Taxied Sky-master into position on runway at Stephenville, checked the instruments, pressed master button. Light No. 2 went out. No. 2 lit up. Time 12:31 a.m. Monday.

SEQUENCE 2: Master throttle lever automatically pushed the engine controls fully open, aircraft gathered speed. No drift on take-off. Good thing—"brain" cannot do this yet.

SEQUENCE 3: Landing gear retracted on its own. Still climbing.

SEQUENCE 4: Now at 1,000 feet radio-controlled altimeter took over... flaps lifted... engine controls pulled back for normal flying.

SEQUENCE 5: Now flying at height agreed before take-off. Compass comes into operation, course automatically sets itself for Transatlantic flight. Light No. 5 goes out.

SEQUENCE 6: Halfway across Atlantic now. "Brain" has just picked up prearranged beam from radio ship south of Iceland. It is raining.

SEQUENCE 7: Now in range of beam from Brize Norton... flying on beam towards destination. Light No. 7 flickers out.

SEQUENCE 8: Ground control at Brize Norton has now taken us over. Sky-master alters course to head for airfield.

SEQUENCE 9: We are over Brize Norton; radio compass sensor now pointing vertically downwards towards airfield. Radio takes over... losing height now... circling airfield.

SEQUENCE 10: Airfield radio beam is heading Sky-master for runway... light No. 10 goes out in readiness for—

SEQUENCE 11: Flying at 1,000 feet, undercarriage is being lowered automatically... down, down to a gentle, three-point landing on the runway.

SEQUENCE 12: We've touched down! Robot finishes its job by cutting-out engine.

Here the human pilot takes over, apert the brakes and taxis to a standstill. The 2,400-mile trip is over, 10 hours 15 minutes after the take-off.

The FUTURE

Throughout the flight, some of it at 240 miles an hour, no one touched the controls, though Colonel J.M. Gillespie, chief of the All-weather Flying Division, and Captain Thomas J. Wells, chief test pilot of the experiments, anxiously watched the dials in the cockpit.

What next, Mr. Anast? "Well, I reckon it will be 10 years before this 'brain' is perfect for commercial use, so I guess a couple of days in France won't hurt. I think I'll pop over and see my wife's folks in Paris."

FROM HERE AND THERE:

22 SURVIVE PILGRIMAGE

Calcutta.—The 22 survivors of a 2,000 strong caravan of Chinese Moslems who set out from Barkul, Chinese Turkestan, seven years ago on a pilgrimage to Mecca, have reached Calcutta. It took them three years to reach Kashmir, over the "Roof of the World," and by then snow, rain, blizzards, desert hunger and disease had reduced their numbers to 200. They stayed in Bhopal State for two years before resuming their wanderings. Now they have set up their embowered tents in Calcutta's Oxford Street, and say they want to settle there. They have now run out of money.

TINY BABY

Cape Town.—Anna Van der Westhuizen, born here, weighs 10 oz. and is eight inches tall. She lies at present in a cottonwool lined box.

BORNEO IS BEING OPENED UP

By a Special Correspondent

BORNEO, so the circus "barbarians" used to tell us, was the place the Wild Man came from.

And, as far as the average Briton knew, that was the major (if not the sole) export of the home of headhunters in the far Pacific.

These days, British North Borneo has come quite a deal nearer home.

For here is one of the countries where the Colonial Development Board (allied to private enterprise) will be shindling plenty of capital.

Already, the British Powell Duffryn Company is sending out a mission to explore coal resources. The Government is trying to introduce mechanised rice-farming—a fine contribution to the shattered economy of the Far East.

And Britain is even now receiving all the exportable surplus of copra.

What else is there in this challenging country for British brains to win?

Well, prospecting is going on in North Borneo and neighbouring Brunei for oil.

It is thought, too, that there may be large deposits of iron-ore and other minerals.

Timber resources are immense and, as in the Gold Coast, British Guiana, and many other parts of the Empire, sadly neglected.

It was only last year that private enterprise, in the shape of the British North Borneo (Chartered) Company, handed over to the Colonial Office.

The Company, which received its charter in Gladstone's time, ploughed back profits, developed resources as far as it was able, and introduced law and order.

Today, the Dusuns, Muruts and Sulus live at peace with the Chinese settlers and the British.

The record of the population during the Japanese occupation was magnificent, but North Borneo suffered devastation.

Sandakan, the trim seaport capital, looked like a corner of Linnburg when the Australians arrived.

Everybody then got down to the job of reconstruction; jeeps were used as locomotives, roads were cleared, temporary buildings rushed up.

Jesselton, with its natural harbour and hinterland, has been chosen as the capital in place of shattered Sandakan.

From here the trunk roads of the future will branch out into the wilderness. Already there is an airfield at hand.

Now is the time for quick and profitable decisions in this oasis of peace on the fringe of troubled Indonesia.

SIoux HONOUR THE RAF

An unusual event took place during the recent brief visit of the RAF Empire Air Navigation School's Lincoln "Arles 11" to the U. S. A. While at an air force station at Rapid City, South Dakota, in the heart of the Sioux country, the Commandant of the School, Air Commodore N. H. D'Aeth, was invited to become a member of the Sioux tribe.

The ceremony took place in the Sioux reservation, and was conducted by the 67-year-old chief, "Black Elk," who spoke throughout in his own language. His speech was translated by his son, "Crazy Buffalo."

The Chief said that his tribe of some 48,000 Indians had watched with admiration the brave conduct of the British people during their ordeal in the Battle of Britain. The Sioux were a fighting tribe and admired a brave people. The crew of "Arles 11" were the first fighting Englishmen whom they had been able to meet, and as a mark of their admiration of the British people as a whole he wished to welcome Air Commodore D'Aeth as a member of the Sioux tribe.

The British people could only have stood up to their ordeal if they had possessed brave hearts, and therefore he named Air Commodore D'Aeth "Shuntli Osheli-Ka," meaning "Brave Heart."

The ceremony concluded with the presentation of the traditional feathered headdress, prayers to the four great gods and a ceremonial dance.

Five-Point Plan For Indonesia

The Batavia Chinese daily, Kong Po, has proposed a five-point plan of action for the Netherlands which, it said, would best serve the interests of Overseas Chinese. It advocates:

1. Dutch forces should not withdraw from any place where steps have not been taken to safeguard the lives and property of Chinese.
2. Dutch forces should not enter any places except with the intention of remaining, as reprisals are liable to be taken against the Chinese after the Dutch leave.
3. Dutch forces should take action to protect Chinese in the hitherto unoccupied (Nationalist held) regions of the interior.
4. Chinese driven from Pangkalan Branden, a town just outside the Dutch lines in Sumatra, should be freed from their present danger. They are reportedly interned by Indonesians.
5. The Dutch government should help positively in the rehabilitation of evacuees.—Associated Press.

VIGNETTES OF LIFE

"A Picnic Is No Picnic" By KEMP STARRETT



TELEGRAPH WEEK-END PICTORIAL



THE CLOSE economic ties between Britain and China were stressed at a dinner given in honour of Sir Donald Banks, KCB, DSO, chairman of the Anglo-Chinese Chamber of Commerce in London, by the Anglo-Chinese Economic Association at the Hongkong Hotel last week. Picture shows Sir Donald replying to the welcome extended to him. (Photo: Moe Cheung)



M. PIERRE PHILIPPON, French representative on the Allied Reparations Commission to Japan (left), who visited Hongkong this week, greeting Mr J. A. D. Morrison of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation at the cocktail party given in his honour on Wednesday. (Photo: Ming Yuen)

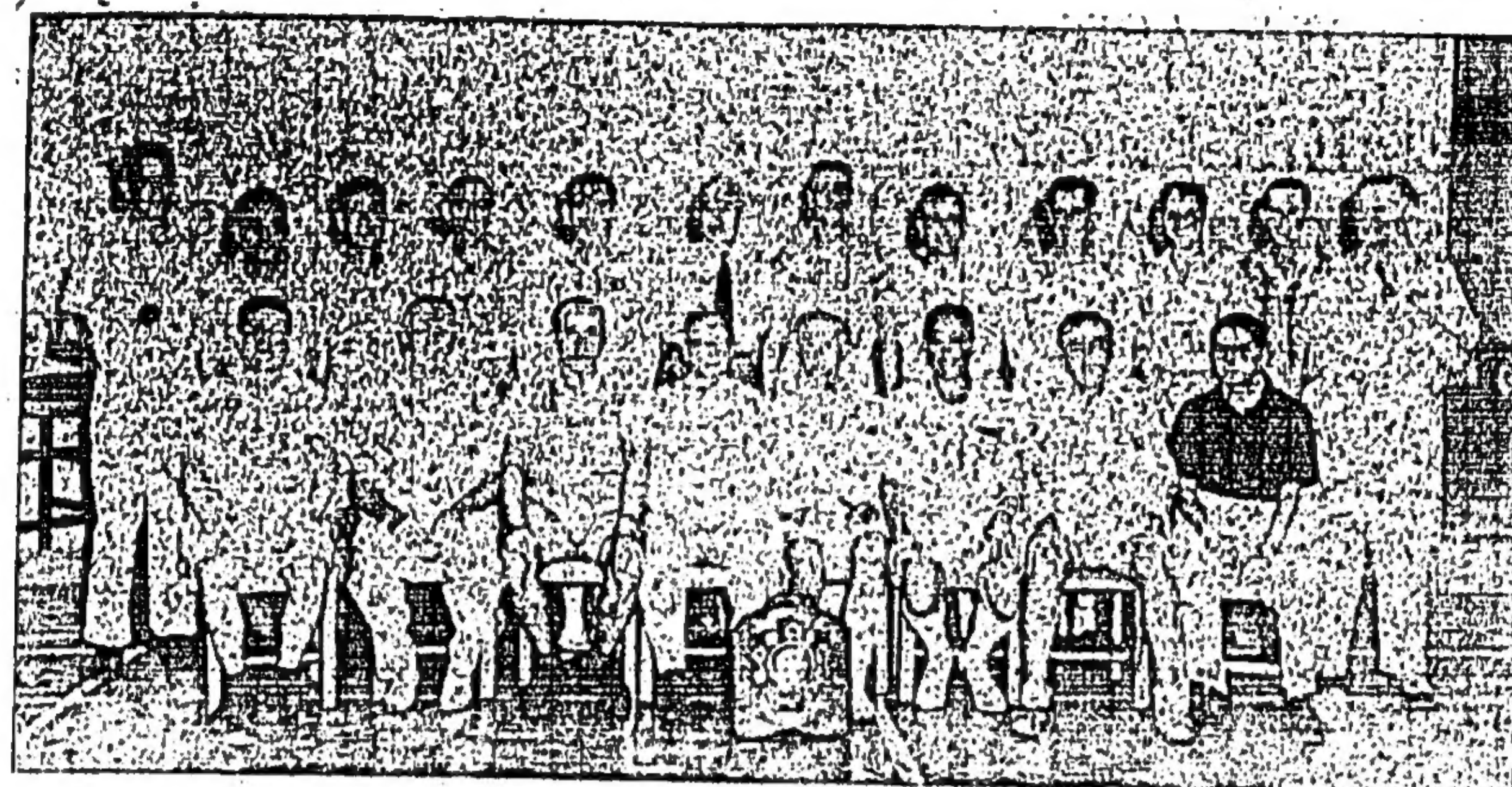


AT ST TERESA'S CHURCH on Sunday, Miss Clare Marie Louisa Loy became the bride of Mr Joseph Pak-chiu Wong, of the Asiatic Petroleum Company. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



PARLIAMENTARY MISSIONS

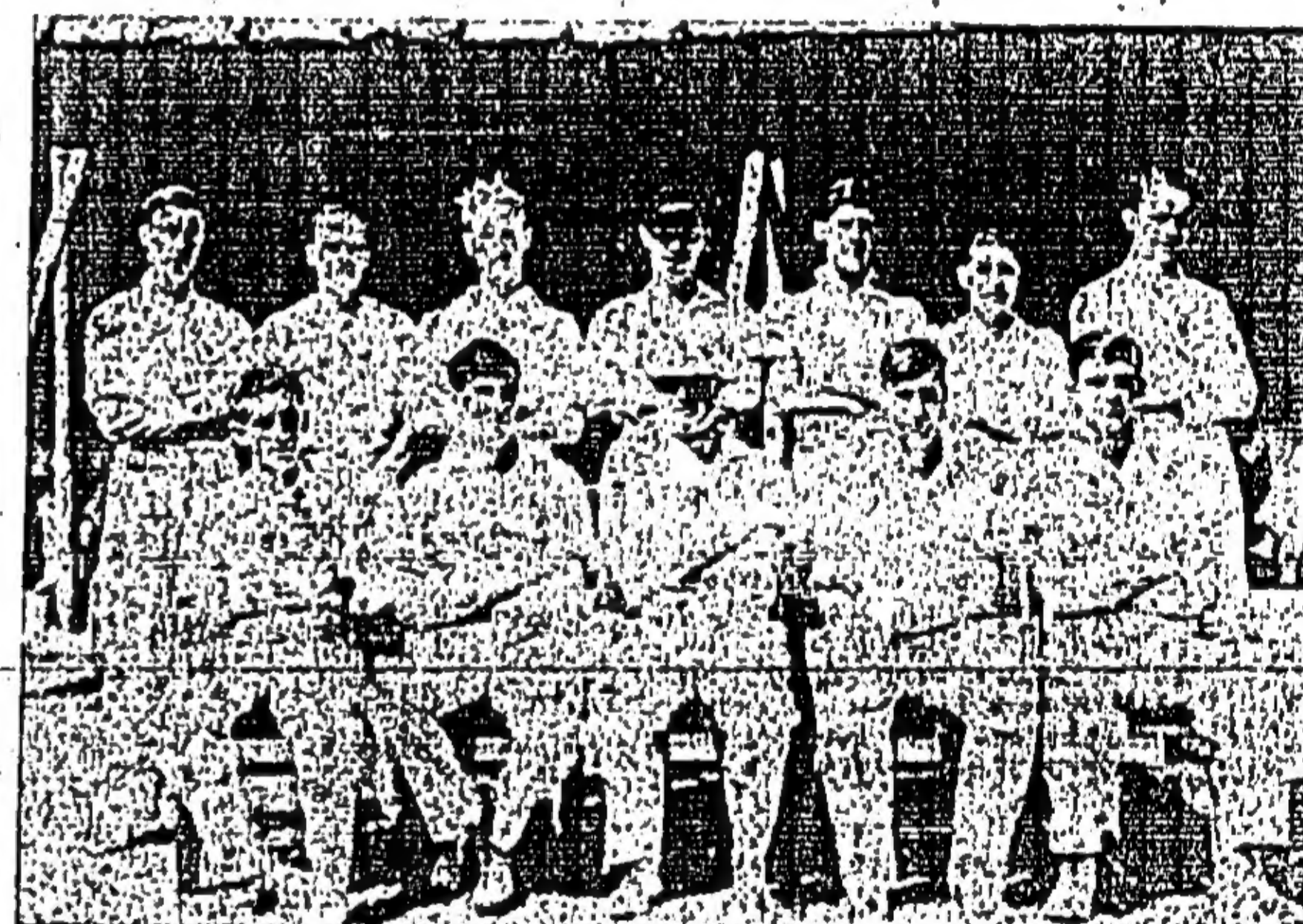
Two Parliamentary missions went through Hongkong during the past week. Above are members of the mission to China, snapped on arrival at Kai Tak airport. Picture on the right shows members of the Parliamentary Mission to Japan. Both missions were met on their arrival here by Capt A. P. F. Wilson, A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor, and the Deputy Director of Air Services, Mr Max Oxford. (Photos: Ming Yuen)



KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB bowlers who, by defeating the Kowloon Bowling Green Club last week-end, won the Liberation Shield presented by Mr Ezra Abraham, who is in the front row, fourth from left. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



FRIENDLY CRICKET—Teams representing the Army and the Navy met in a friendly cricket match last Sunday. The Army won by 74 runs. Photos show the Army team (above) and Navy (below). (Photos: Ming Yuen)



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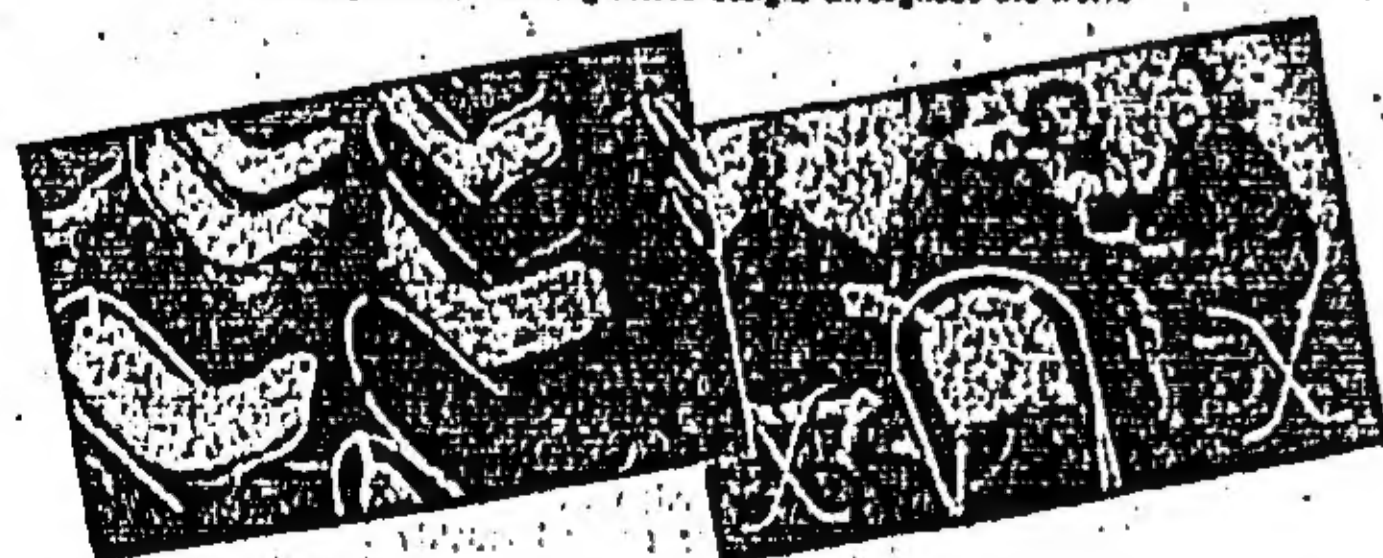
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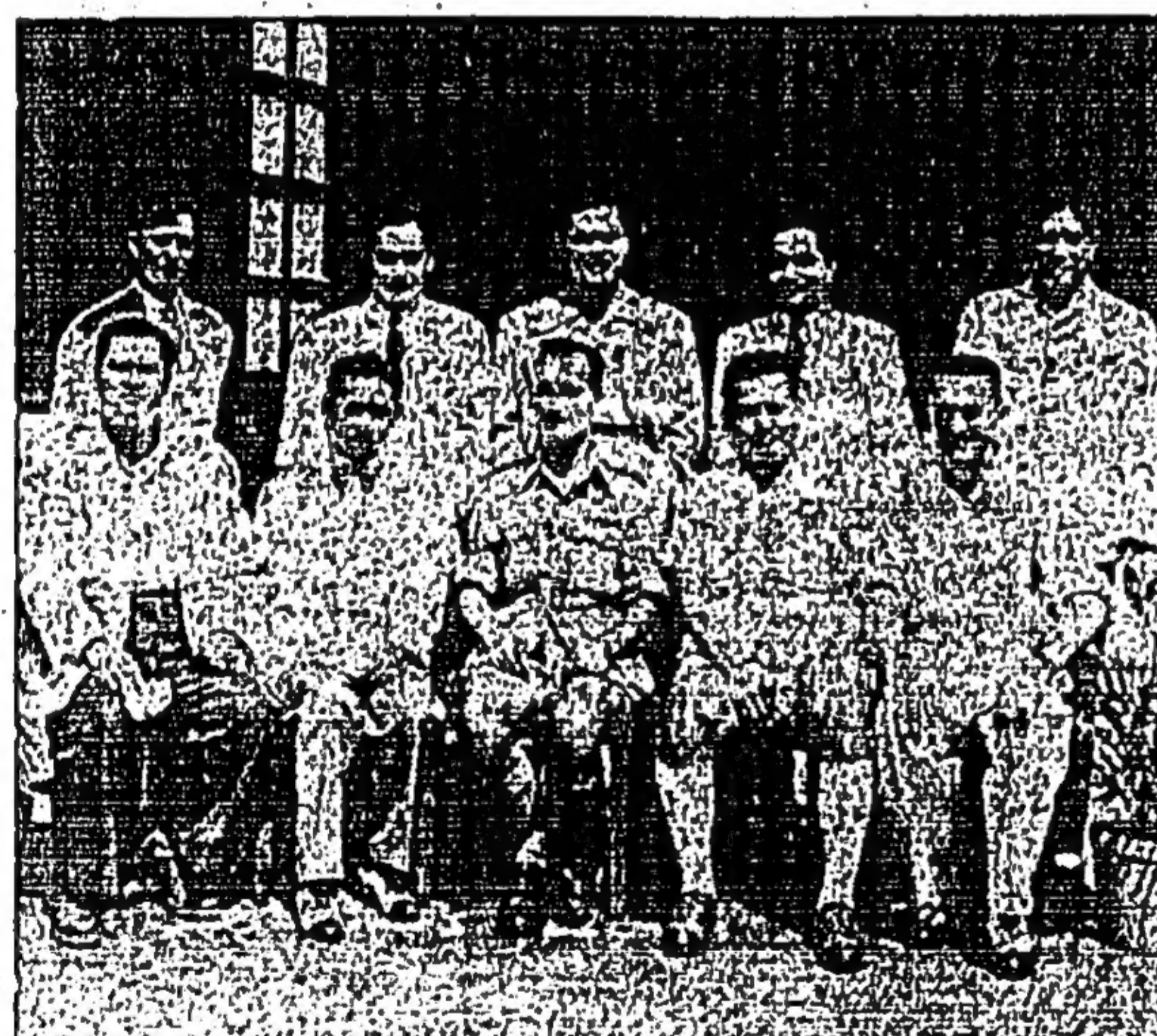


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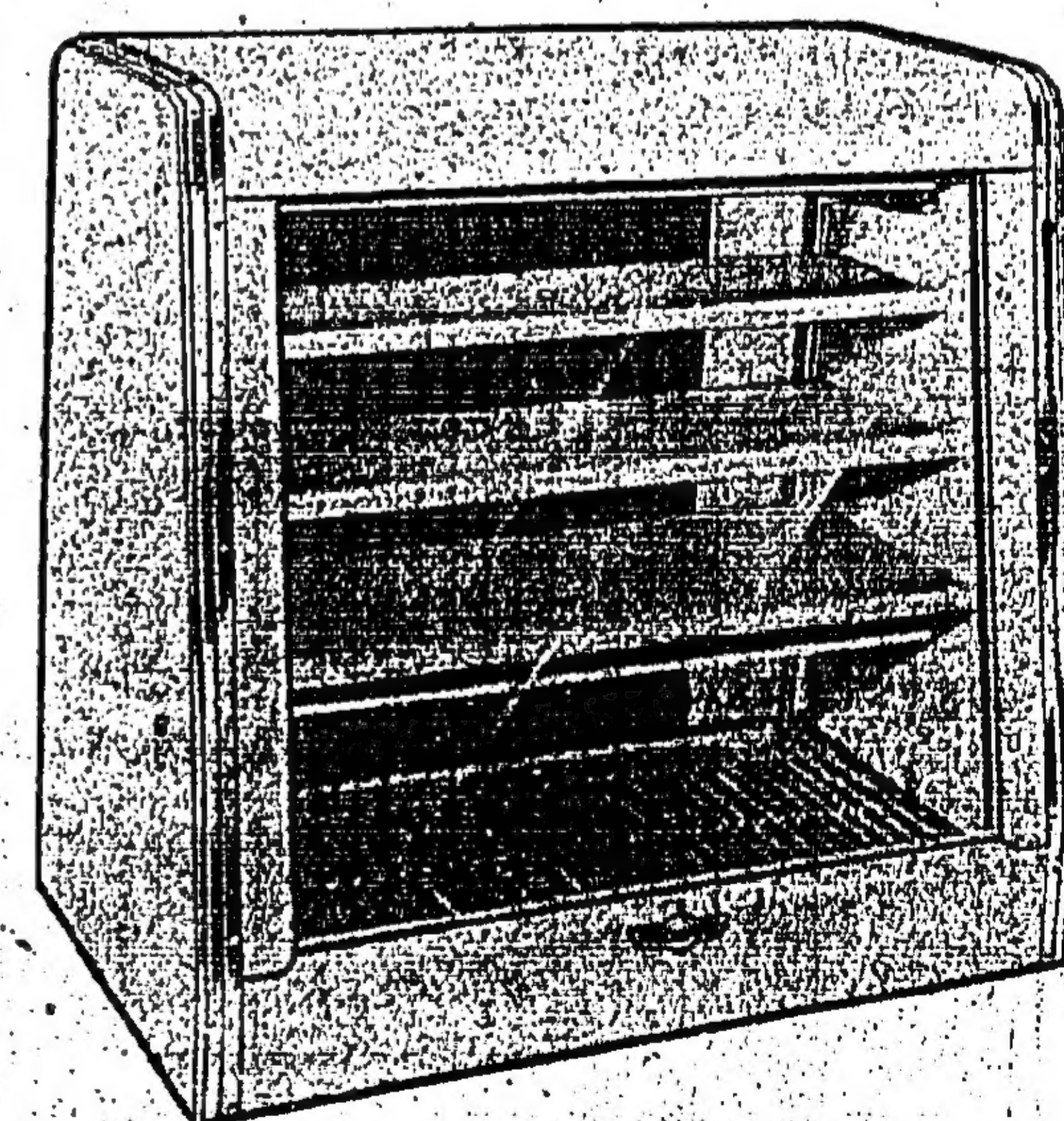
DAVID, infant son of Captain and Mrs Nias, was christened recently. The godparents were Major and Mrs W. Smith. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



DOUBLE TENTH FOOTBALL—Combined Chinese and Rest of the Colony teams, who drew in an exhibition game, the first of the season, on the Double Tenth, China's National Day. (Photo: England Studio)

A FAREWELL party was given at the Cafe de China recently by officials of the Hongkong Musicians' Union to the ex-President, F/O Montague "Tommy" Farr, who is leaving shortly for Singapore. (Photo: Sun Ying Ming)

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Municipal Elections In France

London, Oct. 17.—The French municipal elections this Sunday are being watched here as a barometer—though not necessarily a reliable one—of the country's political feeling as winter approaches with the threat of cold and hunger.

In the local elections, voters more often ballot for the man than for the cause. However, the outcome should reflect whether the country is turning to the Left, siding with Premier Ramadier, who is increasingly a middle of the road man, or moving to the right behind the followers of General de Gaulle.

Both General de Gaulle and M. Ramadier look to the West for help for France's economic plight. With the Communists loyal to Moscow, some observers tend to interpret the election results as a straight East-West battle, but in view of the obscure local issues, that may be an oversimplification.

Communists Blamed

The Communists are blamed for fomenting the present strike troubles, and certainly they miss no opportunity of reminding the Prime Minister what an influence they wield.

At the same time, the strikers have roots in the desperate and genuine dissatisfaction, fertilised by inflated prices and inefficient distribution of supplies.

It is these disgruntled people who may seek a new representation. Some see salvation in Communism—or turn to it resignedly. Others think France needs a strong man—in other words, General Charles de Gaulle.

The French Prime Minister has been in the saddle for eight months now—a long time for a French Premier. This month's voting has no effect on the standing of his Popular Republican Movement in the Assembly—it has 171 seats compared with the Communists 181 and claims to power by its alliance with the Socialists.

In addition, the constitution prevents a general election before next year.

Trend To An Extreme

But what observers here dread to see is any pronounced tendency away from the Popular Republican Movement—a trend to an extreme which would split France into two camps.

There are many British—and French—who feel that France's troubles would be greatly eased if confidence could be established in the franc.

They say that great resources in food, livestock, gold and foreign assets are being hoarded and will only come into circulation when the franc's buying power has been assured.—Reuter.

Brazil May Break With Russia

Rio de Janeiro, Oct. 17.—A high government source said today that Brazil would break diplomatic relations with Russia shortly. He said an official announcement could be expected within 72 hours.—Associated Press.

"Black Max" Interrogated

Paris, Oct. 17.—"Black Max" Intrator, the international financier, was interrogated by an investigating magistrate here today in connection with an attempted transaction involving some hundreds of thousands of francs, his lawyer, M. Andrei Klotz, stated.

M. Klotz stated that the transaction under discussion was attempted in April 1946, but it had not been successfully concluded.

He declined to reveal any further details of the interrogation.—Reuter.

INDIA ASKS EMERGENCY WHEAT AID

Washington, Oct. 17.—The Indian Ambassador to the United States, Mr. Asaf Ali, has delivered a formal request to the United States Secretary for Agriculture for emergency shipments of wheat and coarse grain from the United States to help "the worse crisis in its history," due to hit India in December.

Mr. Asaf Ali yesterday saw Mr. Clinton D. Anderson, Secretary for Agriculture, accompanied by his food adviser, Mr. N. G. Abhyankar, and was promised "very sympathetic examination of this request."

The Indian Ambassador pointed out that India's food administration was due to end in December with only a few thousand tons of stocks in hand as against the minimum import requirements of 300,000 tons.

The absolute minimum import requirements of India for wheat and coarse grains, including rice, for the 1947-1948 crop year, were 3,000,000 tons, yet against this the International Emergency Food Council had allocated her only 1,300,000 tons for the first half of that year.

Early Shipment Vital

Mr. Ali insisted that India must import between now and next June from all sources, including the United States, 2,300,000 tons.

He especially asked for a supplementary allocation from the United States of 87,000 tons in December, in addition to the 150,000 tons already allocated for the month, and 12,000 tons which was the undispatched balance of the previous allocation.

Mr. Asaf Ali urged that all efforts be made to advance the schedule of these shipments to the earliest date so that they should arrive in India in time to avert a worse crisis.

He stressed that if these steps were not taken, there would be a threat of a breakdown in the entire Indian rationing system, which caters for 173,000,000 people.—Reuter.

OUTWARD MAILS

UK Christmas Cards Post Closes This Afternoon

Christmas Cards and Small Packet Post for United Kingdom will close at General Post Office at 3 p.m. and Kowloon Central Post Office at 2.30 p.m. today. This mail is expected to arrive at the United Kingdom about mid-December. Postage rates for Christmas cards in open packets are 5 cents, unless otherwise stated, registered articles and parcel post close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mail closes before 10 a.m. registered and parcels will close at 5 p.m. on previous day.

Macao, Tainan & Shekhi (Sea) 1 p.m.
Canton (Train) 2 p.m.
Swatow (Sea) 2 p.m.
Shanghai (Sea) 3 p.m.
Straits, Macassar, Sourabaya & Batavia (Sea) 3 p.m.
Japan (Ordinary letters & cards only) (Sea) 3 p.m.
U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco (No parcels for Canada) (Sea) 3 p.m.
Manila, Ceylon, East and West Africa, Egypt and Europe via London (Sea) 3 p.m.
Swatow and Amoy (Sea) 4 p.m.
Macao, Tainan, Shekhi & Kowloon (Sea) 4 p.m.
Canton (Train) 5 p.m.
Canton, Kowloon and Chungking (Air) 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin, and Peking (Air) 3.30 p.m.
Swatow and Amoy (Air) 3.30 p.m.
Sunday, October 19
Macao, Tainan & Shekhi (Sea) 8 a.m.
Canton (Sea) 8.30 a.m.
Kowloon, Macao, Tainan, & Shekhi (Sea) 10 a.m.
Canton (Train) 10 a.m.
Shanghai (Sea) 10 a.m.
Japan (Ordinary letters & cards only) (Sea) 10 a.m.
Manila, P.I. (Sea) 10 a.m.
Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland (Air) 10 a.m.
Canton, Kowloon, Hankow, Nanking, Chungking, Kuming and Calcutta (Air) 10 a.m.
Amoy and Tainan (Air) 10 a.m.
Monday, October 20
Canton (Train) 7 a.m.
Macao, Tainan & Shekhi (Sea) 8 a.m.
Shanghai (Air) 9.30 a.m.
Manila, P.I. (Air) 9.30 a.m.
Formosa via Kowloon (Sea) 10 a.m.
Macao, Tainan & Shekhi (Sea) 1 p.m.
Canton (Train) 2 p.m.
Shanghai (Sea) 2 p.m.
Swatow, Saigon and Bangkok (Sea) 2 p.m.

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SAID WORKING FOR SOVIETS

Tokyo, Oct. 17.—The Asahi, quoting official Japanese sources, today said it is understood that approximately 2,000 former Japanese army technicians, all officers, are remaining in Leningrad where some of them have married Soviet girls and established homes in Russian apartments.

The paper said this group is receiving good treatment from the Soviets among the 665,000 Japanese prisoners still stranded in various parts of the Soviet Union. About one-third will face their third winter.

The bulk of the Leningrad group is reported to be working on industrial projects of military significance, such as tank and automotive plants, power installations and electrical plants.

The reports were assembled by the Japanese Foreign Office, the Demobilisation Board and other government departments.

Without any substantiations, the paper said that a former Japanese army unit taken prisoner by the Russians on Saghalien Island—the nearest point to the Japanese Islands—is still permitted to wear military insignia, and former officers are allowed to wear sabres.

Saghalien reports indicate that agricultural work there is gradually being transferred to Korean hands, the paper said.

Coming Of Winter

The Asahi said 110 former Japanese army officers, of the general class, plus five former naval

officers, also of the flag officer class, are imprisoned at the Habarovsk camp, which also contains former "Manchukuo" notables, including puppet Emperor Henry Pu-yi. The Moscow area is reported to contain about 50,000 Japanese.

According to the Asahi report there are 704 camps for Japanese prisoners throughout the Soviet Union in 25 geographical divisions, many of which are stationed along the Trans-Siberian Railway.

Meanwhile, winter is rapidly approaching, with snow beginning to fall in some places. The Asahi said reports indicate the Russian food rationing for the prisoners varies greatly according to the localities, and ranges between 3,000 and 4,000 calories per day.

The newspaper said the extent of prisoner casualties could not be accurately determined, but it is known most of them are suffering from tuberculosis, malnutrition and frostbite.

The Asahi said due to the approaching winter an increasing number of letters are being addressed to Japanese Government departments daily from the families of repatriates urging the government to do its utmost to speed the return of the Japanese.—United Press.

HK Stage Club's New Play

The Hongkong Stage Club will present "Hay Fever," one of Noel Coward's earlier comedies, at the Seamen's Institute on Wednesday, October 22.

The plot concerns a slightly abnormal "artistic" family who invite four normal people for the week-end, and the many mix-ups which follow.

This is Reinhold Obertas' first production for the Hongkong Stage Club. The cast includes Denis Dalziel, Clifford Davies, Desmond Scott, Judy Howell, Ethel Holmes-Brown, Derek Bagshaw, Nellie Field, Cherry Bowen and Philip Burn.

The play will be repeated next Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

Royalty To Week-End At Windsor

London, Oct. 17.—The King and Queen and Princess Elizabeth this afternoon motored from Buckingham Palace to the Royal Lodge, Windsor Great Park, where they will spend the week-end.

Princess Margaret will return by plane from Northern Ireland tomorrow.

Lieutenant Phillip Mountbatten visited Buckingham Palace during the day.—United Press.

Thakin Nu Received By The King

London, Oct. 17.—The Burmese Premier, Thakin Nu, was received by King George at Buckingham Palace after the Anglo-Burmese treaty signing ceremonies today.—United Press.

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